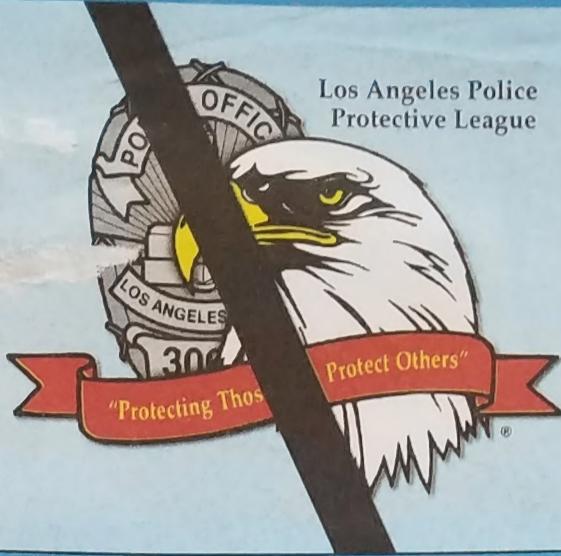




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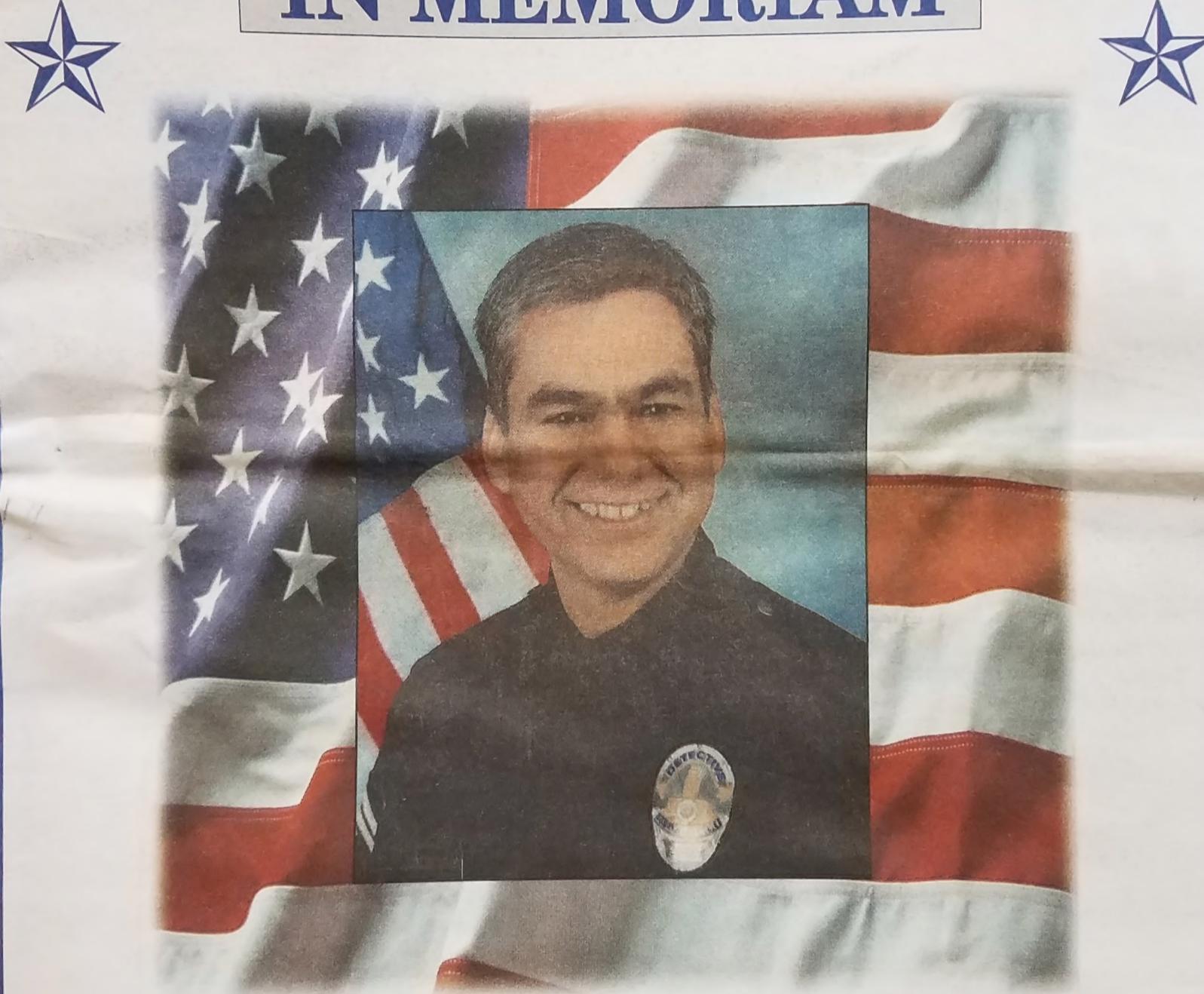
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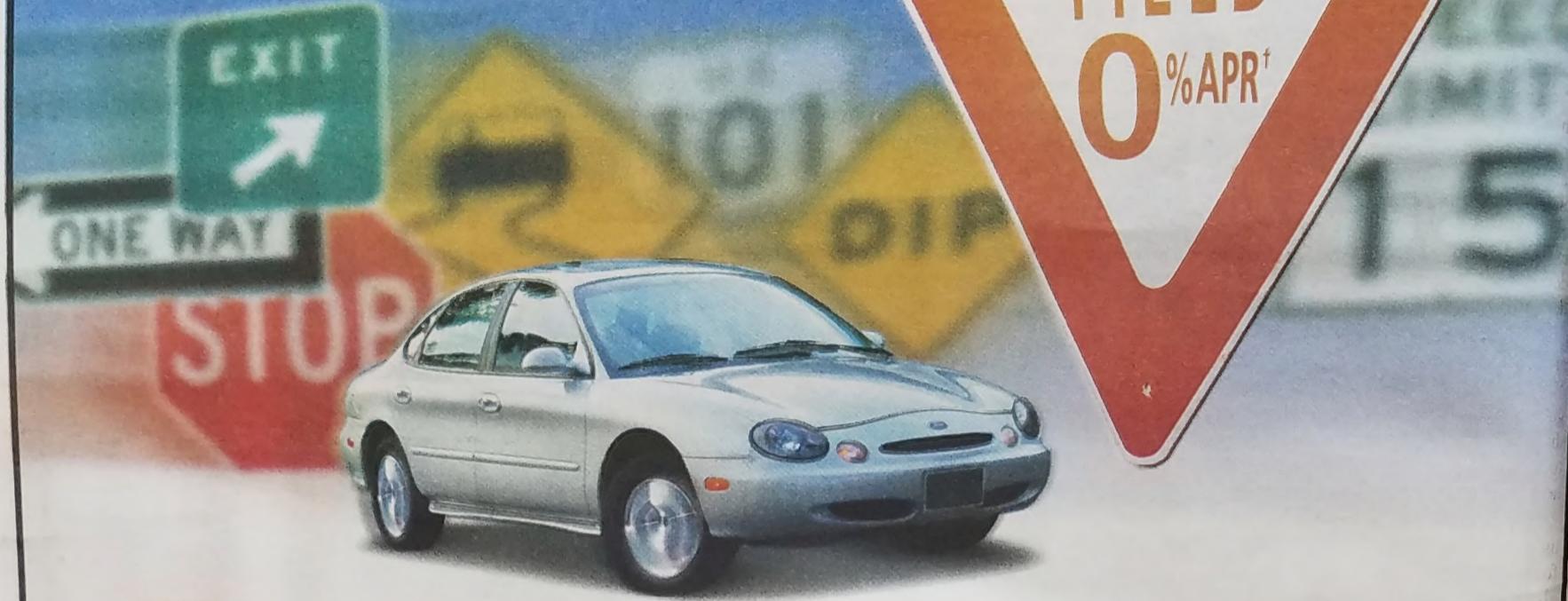
Detective Abiel "Abe" Barron, # 24314

Detective Abiel "Abe" Barron was born on November 27, 1953. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on November 14, 1983. He developed admirable expertise in gang and homicide investigations, and throughout his 19-year career, he received over 78 commendations for exemplary duty performance. He was last assigned to Northeast Detectives.

On June 25, 2003, Detective Abiel Barron and his partner, Detective Andrew Teague, were returning from an investigation, when a truck struck their unmarked police vehicle in a head-on collision. Detective Barron was fatally injured at the scene.

Detective Barron is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; daughter, Lauren; mother, Magda; brothers, Arnold and retired Sergeant Sam Barron, and sister Magda. ♦

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WORKING WITH YOU, WORKING FOR YOU

Bob Baker, President

Although for many summertime is a bit slower – what with the longer days and relatively relaxed pace – at the League, things always seem to get busier. But with all that we have to do, I'm glad that we are able to get out and meet with the rank and file and continue to concentrate on issues that are important to our members. We also have our annual delegates' conference at this time of year, which provides the Board with excellent feedback on the work we are doing – and what we should continue to do, as well as what we could do better.

The Board relies on the membership and the delegates to do many jobs for us. You are our eyes and ears, our messengers and our critics. You ultimately direct us toward the path we need to take to accomplish goals on your behalf, and help us achieve these goals.

The support that you give us allows us to do more work on your behalf, and form relationships that are of benefit to all of us. As many of you are aware, the League must work with a variety of people – elected officials, law enforcement officials and fellow officers – and it is very important for us to build these bridges so that we can represent your interests and ultimately achieve your goals.

A good example of this is the recent contract negotiations. We met for months with representatives from the Executive Employee Relations Committee (EERC),

in order to discuss what kind of deal we could work out together on your behalf. There were also many others who did not have a direct hand in the terms of the contract, but had an interest in the outcome of our talks, that we also had to be concerned with – such as the Department, City Council, community and media. Although they were not involved in the talks and were not always privy to the details of our discussions, the support of many of these groups did end up helping us with achieving a competitive contract on your behalf – particularly during such a challenging time for our city, state and federal government – and we know we can count on them to be supporters in the future for other law enforcement concerns.

Your role during this time was equally as important. With over 9,000 members in the LAPPL, it is difficult for us to reach out to everyone and communicate with you quickly on important issues. We use vehicles, such as the Web site, 20/20, push e-mails (which you can sign up for on the Web site), the *Blue Line*, roll call visits and delegates' meetings, to interact with all of you, but these communication methods do not often allow us to receive immediate feedback from you.

So we often rely upon our delegates to serve as our representatives in communicating to the membership at-large and gathering your thoughts and feelings on certain issues. This communications

process ultimately empowers our delegates and our members to have an influence in the decision-making process.

The activities of this summer emphasized to me the need for an involved and interested membership. We cannot deliver the best outcomes for our officers unless we hear from you as to what you want – and unless you take an active interest and role in making sure it happens. So many of the goals that have been achieved over the past several years, whether flexible work schedules, discipline reform or bringing new leadership to the Department, are the result of the work done by the rank and file and community in partnership with the LAPPL Board. I believe that, working together, we can achieve almost anything.

Sometimes the Board will come to you with an issue that we feel is important, but that you may not immediately recognize as beneficial to you. Obviously the LAPD contract has a direct impact on you. But, what about issues such as the push to extradite criminals from Mexico back to the United States? Our interest may not immediately be obvious – but let me explain.

The League became involved in this issue last year, when Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy David March was murdered during a routine traffic stop and his accused murderer – a Mexican national illegally in California – fled to Mexico to escape prosecution. The accused murderer, Armando Garcia, remains protected as a result of a 2001 Mexican Supreme Court decision, which ruled that Mexico's goal for violent offenders is criminal rehabilitation, and a sentence of either death or life imprisonment (if imposed by U.S. courts) would violate the Mexican constitution as "cruel and unusual punishment." As a result of this decision, Deputy March's accused killer and as many as 60 other accused murderers from Los Angeles alone are being protected in Mexico.

Police officers and emergency workers face danger every day – it is a natural part of our jobs. But it is unconscionable that when a crime is committed against an American – particularly our peace officers – government policy allows the criminal to escape facing the

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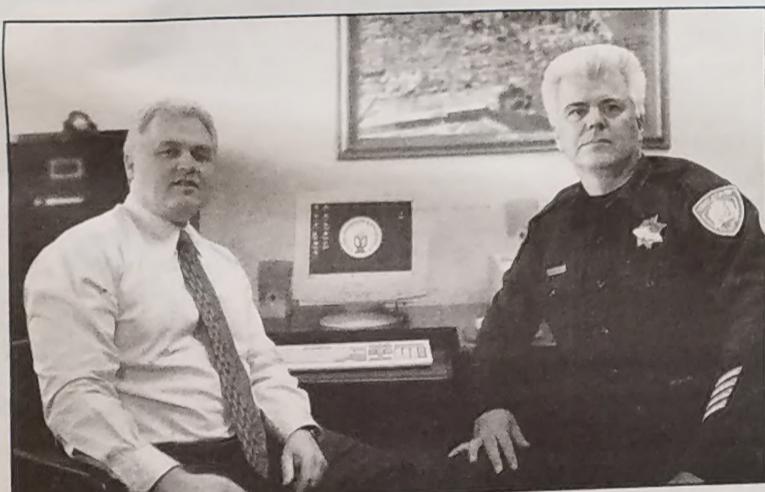
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LAW ENFORCEMENT IS A DANGEROUS JOB

Mitzi Grasso, Vice President

Any time a person enters police work, an immediate lifelong bond is formed. Law enforcement is a fraternity of men and women and when a fellow officer is killed, we are all affected. Over the past several months, the LAPD and several other law enforcement agencies have been affected by several on-duty deaths.

The tragedy that hit home for the LAPD family was the death of veteran homicide Detective Abiel Barron. Abiel and his partner Detective Andrew Teague were coming back from a follow-up investigation when a motorist plowed head-on into their car on a dangerous stretch of Highway 138. A 2000 Chevrolet pickup driven by Joe Fernandez crossed the double yellow lines in a no-pass area of the two-lane highway to go around a big rig and he hit the detectives' car head-on. Detective Barron was pronounced dead at the scene and Detective Teague is still hospitalized with serious injuries.

Sadly, the LAPD has not been the only law enforcement mourning the loss of a beloved colleague. Tragedy struck San Diego County law enforcement twice in recent weeks and closer to home, misfortune occurred in Inglewood.

In San Diego, Officer Terry Bennett, riding a police motorcycle, spotted a truck-theft suspect. During the chase, the suspect stopped abruptly, made a U-turn, drove onto the sidewalk and slammed into Officer Bennett, who was trying to get off his motorcycle and avoid the truck. Officer Bennett was the second San Diego motorcycle officer to die in two months.

Only a few weeks before Officer Bennett was killed, an Oceanside officer investigating a stolen-car report was shot to death while Oceanside Officer Tony Zeppetella was gunned down after a traffic stop in which he sought to question the driver of a car he suspected had been stolen. Zeppetella exchanged gunfire with that suspect – ex-convict Adrian Camacho – before Camacho pistol-whipped the wounded officer, took his

service revolver and killed him with his own gun, according to prosecutors.

Closer to home, the Inglewood Police Department is mourning the loss of Officer John Frederick Lee Small who died from injuries he sustained when two cars collided and careened into his police motorcycle along the Pomona (60) Freeway in Diamond Bar. Although Officer Small did not work for the LAPD, he was well known in Los Angeles. He played outside linebacker for the University of Washington from 1981-84 and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1985 but was later traded to the San Francisco 49ers and the Atlanta Falcons.

These tragic deaths underscore that police work is indeed a difficult and dangerous job. Police, firefighters and emergency responders choose to be on the front lines every day and collectively we live and work at the juncture of order and disruption. We have chosen to work at the edge of order so we may live and raise our families free of fear.

When people dare question the salary and benefits of police officers, I would like to remind them that the safety and protection of our world comes at a cost – something that the families of Detective Abiel Barron, Officers Terry Bennett, Tony Zeppetella and John Frederick Lee Small and many other brave men and women will never forget.

Community Policing

I am optimistic about several things – the new officers joining our Department, the veterans that mentor these officers and continue to serve our community, and the increased collaboration between the Department and the community to fight crime. Increasing we are seeing recruits being graduated from the academy and assigned to divisions throughout the LAPD. Their enthusiasm and fresh perspective are assets to our Department. On the other end of the scale, our veteran officers and detectives bring vast knowledge to the table, which they use

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DELIVERING RESULTS

Ted Hunt, Secretary

As the saying goes, if we don't learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it. So when it was time to start contract talks, we went back and took a look at how things were in the past so we could learn from the past and do better.

Over the past eight years, your League has successfully negotiated every contract (three in all) on time, taking us from the bottom of pay and benefits among the major departments in California, to the top.

Ten years ago things were really bleak. We went two years with 0% and 0%. Zero, nada, nothing, ZIP. So what is the difference between ten years ago and today? To learn that, we have to look to the past to see what was similar and then compare it to today.

In the early 1990s, violent crime was climbing; there was a new mayor who was elected on a pro-police platform, and the League played a very important role in getting that new mayor elected to office; we had a brand new chief of police from a big east coast city; and LAPD was emerging from a major scandal. Sound like the early part of the 2000s?

In the early 1990s, the nation was facing the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression; there was a Bush in the White House and America had just recently won a war with Iraq. Is this déjà vu all over again?

In the early 1990s, California had a

very unpopular governor who was threatened with a recall; California faced budget delays; a structural budget deficit; a structural budget gap; and a need to reform the structure of the revenue system. Back then, the state balanced its budget on the backs of local governments causing a major economic crisis for local governments. Among those calamities was the fact that LAPD did not get a raise — that is the goose eggs (0% - 0%) I talked about above.

Also in the early 1990s, the initial budget submitted by the governor included a sales tax hike; an increase in the income tax; and increase in the alcohol and tobacco tax; and an increase in the car tax. In the early 2000s, the governor's initial proposal was nearly identical to the budget ten years ago, except the 2003 budget did not include an increased tax on alcohol. Republican Pete Wilson's budget in the early 90s was almost identical to Democrat Gray Davis's budget in 2003.

Combative Model vs. Collaborative Model

There was a very important strategic difference between the way the League addressed the talks this year and how it was conducted a decade ago. There was also a significant difference between the leadership styles of the city leaders and Department, then and now. Ten years ago they were paternalistic, secretive, adver-

sarial to the point of being anti-rank and file; they placed more value on the so-called management than they did on the practitioners — the patrol officers and detectives who actually do police work.

This time around we have a new mayor, new chief and new city council who value your contributions as practitioners and understand that it is not the rank-and-file officers who have failed the people of Los Angeles in the past, but the errant and misguided managers. This time around we have a philosophy of "transparency" in the City, Department and League, which includes qualified trust and open communications between all sides.

As a result, what we have done is to collaborate with the City and Department to help the City so they could give us a decent contract, particularly in these very difficult economic times. In other words, we worked together for the best interests of the City and the best interests of public safety, which are the best interests for all of us. The first responsibility of government is the safety of the public. Businesses, schools and communities cannot survive in an unsafe environment.

Source of Money for City

Where does the City get the money to pay its bills, including LAPD officers? The City receives income from four major sources: 1) Taxes; 2) Subventions; 3) Grants; and 4) Enterprise Funds.

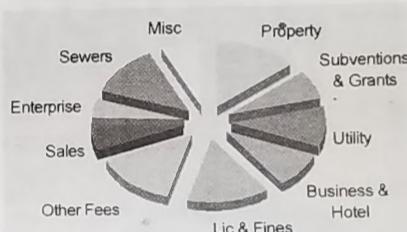
The City's main tax sources are derived from property taxes, sales taxes and business taxes including transient (hotel) taxes. Many local tax dollars are collected by the state and then sent back to the city. The Vehicle License Fee (VLF), which dates back to 1901, is collected by the state but it is a local tax. Approximately 60 to 75 percent of the VLF is spent on public safety.

Another important source of revenue is called a subvention. Subventions are

really a silly way of doing business but nevertheless, it is how things are done and one of the important ways that funding occurs. As a crude example, the local government taxes item "A" and then sends money to the state. Then the state takes the money derived from tax "A" and exchanges it for money derived from tax "B." Then the state sends the money from tax "B" back to the city to be spent on the program for which tax "A" was originally intended.

A third big source is grants. This is really important for public safety because we get important grants from both the federal government and the state. Many officers on the Department today were hired based on grants called the COPS MORE Grant which "put a million new officers on the streets of America," including hundreds on the streets of Los Angeles. Also, many projects and regional task forces are funded by grants.

Fourth and finally are the city's enterprise funds. These are "for-profit," not-for-profit businesses such Los Angeles Airports, the Department of Water and Power and the Harbor. Unlike a for-profit business, there are no investors in the city's enterprise funds and there are no dividends. So the profits, which technically really are not profits, can be used for other purposes to benefit the city and those who live and work here.



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Remembering a Good Cop

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Detective Abe Barron, who was killed in the line of duty due to a traffic collision. I knew Abe personally—he was a great homicide detective. May he rest in peace.

Also, my thoughts and prayers go to Detective Andy Teague, who was passenger in the vehicle. May he recover from his injuries. I am thinking and hoping for you, Andy, and your family.

Long-term Care Insurance: Do You Need It?

It's not pleasant to think about get-

ting old and not being able to care for your daily needs. However, according to the U.S. General Accounting Office, almost one in five Americans over the age of 65 needs assistance with daily activities, and 50% over age 85 need assistance.

I never considered long-term care insurance, as I believed my health insurance or pension would cover expenses when needed. However, after personally going through this with a close family member who needs long-term care, my beliefs were proven false. Your health insurance will only cover the cost

for medical needs, i.e., while you are in the hospital. It will not cover expenses past a few days while you are in a skilled nursing or convalescent facility. Medicare will not cover long-term care needs. Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly, covers some skilled care services, but does not cover long-term help with activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, eating, etc.) Medicare supplements help fill in gaps in health coverage, but do not cover long-term care needs. In the event that you require long-term care, and are not covered by insurance, you may have to use the money in your pension fund or savings to cover costs. According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the average cost of nursing home care is more than \$50,000 per year for a semi-private room. It is estimated that by the year 2030, the same stay will cost approximately \$190,000. Having an aide come to your home for just 3 days per week to help with bathing, dressing, preparing meals and other household chores can cost \$1,000 per month. These expenses can quickly deplete the average person's savings and pension fund.

Take the time to visit a retirement home or convalescent hospital and the idea of long-term care will become

more of a reality. We are all headed to the future—hopefully, most of us will live long and healthy lives and will never need long-term care. But the reality is that many of us will, at some point, require long-term care. The younger you are, the more cost effective it is to purchase long-term care insurance. But you should consider the options at any age. Long-term care insurance protects your assets from being depleted and protects you from losing your dignity and your control over where and how you choose to be cared for in the unfortunate situation that you cannot care for yourself. Obviously, long-term health care is not for everyone. However, the plain truth is that due to modern medicine, we are living longer.

Currently, the League offers long-term care through G.E. Capital and AFLAC. Also, as a state law enforcement officer, active or retired, we can get long-term care through the state law enforcement pension system (CAL PERS). I highly recommend that no matter what age you are, that you look into some type of long-term care insurance. For G.E. Capital you can contact the LAPPL Insurance Office at (800) 736-7070, for AFLAC call (800) 992-3522. For CAL PERS phone (800) 908-9119.

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IT'S TIME To Go

Don Lint

I have always believed that if you don't really enjoy what you are doing then you probably should do something else.

I have decided to resign and take a job working with my brother in Michigan. I have sold my house and am scheduled to move in early August. No, I'm not taking a political appointment and I'm not applying for a medical pension. I know those things have upset the membership in the past. For me this is a quality of life issue. My wife and I want to raise our family in an environment where we can actually spend time with our kids and not spend every waking hour working to pay for a nice home and all the toys that go with it. Last year my Pastor suggested that I find out where my heart was and he said it could be found by opening up my calendar and my checkbook. Look and see where you spend your time and your money and that is where your heart is. I was shocked to see how far away from God and my family I was. My focus on life was not where it should have been and my family and myself suffered because of it.

I have been given a great opportunity to change my life as a result of my brother who is certainly not the mental midget that I am. He has built a very

strong company that is rapidly expanding and I have been asked to be part of that expansion.

I have to say it has truly been an honor serving as your Director. I believe I served through some of the toughest times the League has ever seen, starting with the Raphael Perez Scandal and the war with former Chief Parks. The pain and suffering by the rank-and-file membership was tremendous and every Director knew it. It was a monumental achievement to overcome the adversity that the League has seen in the last few years, but the atmosphere changed at the League and although we had our disagreements about what to do and how to do it, when the decision was made we all went in the same direction. That was and is significant. You currently have nine Directors with very diverse talents and interests and we work very well together.

I am up for re-election this year as well as Ted Hunt and Peter Repovitch. I would encourage anyone who wants to be a Director to run in my open office. Ted Hunt is an incredible asset to you with his tremendous knowledge and political connections. Pete is an incredibly energetic individual who can start a conversation with a rock. Now that

might not sound important to you, but having worked at City Hall and Sacramento, those are qualities with immeasurable importance. The most important thing about both these guys is that they are truly team players and have been battle tested. Without the hard work both of these guys did, we would not have a contract today.

To be honest, I will miss the vast majority of you and some not at all. I think I will miss the fight and challenges but I won't miss the day-to-day struggle getting to work and I won't

miss somebody looking to find fault in everything I do.

My thoughts and prayers will always be with you. Semper Fi.

A Final Goodbye

There are no words to express the sadness in the death of Abe Barron. I have never found an individual that so many people had so many nice things to say about them. And I know the loss of his life profoundly changed his family and everyone who knew him. He will be missed.

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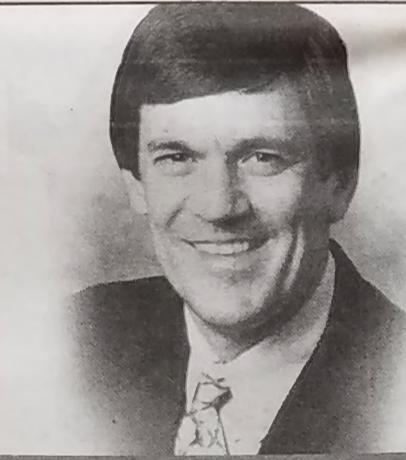
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CONTRACT RATIFICATION

Luther Lutz

After many months of negotiations with the City, the League and the City negotiators came to a tentative agreement regarding the salary package and the language governing the conditions we will all be working under for the next three years. When that tentative agreement was presented to the membership, it was overwhelmingly ratified by the membership that attended the ratification meetings. It is anticipated that the contract will be adopted when it goes to the City Council and the Mayor.

The benefits provided by the contract are a reflection of the realities of the difficult financial situation that the nation, state, county, and the city are faced with. The one complaint that was repeatedly expressed by the membership during negotiations and at the ratification meetings was their displeasure regarding the changes in their medical insurance plans. Everyone wanted to voice their displeasure about the reduction in benefits and the increase in what they were going to have to personally pay for the Blue Cross Health Plan. To make matters worse, a choice had to be made

regarding which health insurance plan to enroll in without knowing what the health plan would cost.

Although the Police Relief Association is responsible for administering the medical insurance plans that are made available to the membership, the League received a lot of feedback from the membership regarding how the insurance plans could be improved and provided at a lower price. All I can say is that the League will be working with the Police Relief Association to ensure that improvements are made in the insurance plans and that ways are explored in an attempt to lower the cost. Meanwhile, the League will be working on the issues in the current contract that have to be resolved, such as detective deployment, buyback of prior government (military) service, and the compressed work schedules. Hopefully, these issues can be resolved soon.

Have a great summer and be careful while driving on vacation. If you have any questions, call me or any of the League Directors at (213) 251-4554. ♦

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THE CHANGING FACE OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

Peter Repovich

I'm sure many of you are aware of a very public changing of the guard that took place in July when four new members joined the Los Angeles City Council.

But another equally as important transition took place last month on our city's honorable Board of Police Commissioners, when longtime Commissioner Bert Boeckmann retired due to term limits and Alan Skobin took his place.

The current commission has been in place since Mayor Hahn took office two years ago, but Commissioner Boeckmann has served much longer than that. The old joke goes that Bert Boeckmann has outlasted most police chiefs – in reality, though, during his 17 years on the Police Commission, he has seen two interim and four full-time police chiefs, including the most recently appointed, Chief Bratton. Bert Boeckmann's community service is legendary – locally and globally. Indeed, Bert and his wife Jane's commitment to the community are unparalleled. Bert Boeckmann is an amazing man who is as comfortable serving meals to impoverished kids as he is talking with a world leader. He also served as a commissioner under three

different mayors, which indicates the appreciation of his expertise and guidance. That is quite an accomplishment.

While Bert may be stepping off the Commission, we are all indeed fortunate that his commitment to the community is as strong as ever, and that Bert continues to make a difference for so many people every single day.

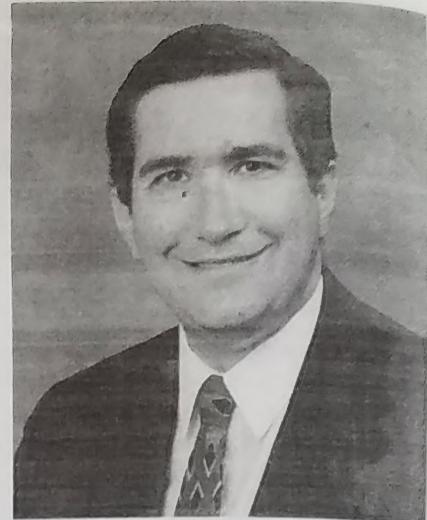
Alan Skobin is no stranger to the activities of the Police Commission and is, in fact, very close with Commissioner Boeckmann. He has assisted Mr. Boeckmann in his staff work for the Police Commission and serves as vice president and general counsel of Boeckmann's car dealership, Galpin Ford, in North Hills. Mr. Skobin brings another wonderful attribute to the Commission – he is an active reserve deputy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, so he is intimately familiar with the needs of both police officers and the public at-large. Appointed to the Sheriff's Department in 1981, Alan currently holds the rank of Reserve Commander. He has served on the LASD's Valor Awards Evaluation Committee, and has received the coveted Distinguished Service Award from the Sheriff's Depart-

ment for his overall service.

Mr. Skobin's commitment to the community has not begun with his appointment to the Police Commission – and, I'm confident, nor will it stop here. He is vice president of the Los Angeles City Board of Transportation Commissioners, and a member of the State of California New Motor Vehicle Board. He previously served as a commissioner on the Los Angeles County Institutional Inspections Commission. He is a founding director of the Sheriff's Youth Foundation of Los Angeles County, which funds education and intervention programs for 125,000 at-risk youth each year. He is also on the Board of Directors, and web site and technology chair, of the Los Angeles Business Council.

In addition, Mr. Skobin is a past member of the International Board of Trustees of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), an international leadership development program for high school students, as well as the Western Region Advisory Committee to the United States Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office. A cancer and brain tumor survivor, Mr. Skobin and his family are active with Padres Contra El Cancer, a nonprofit organization that improves the quality of life for children with cancer and their families.

Upon his appointment in June to the Police Commission, Mr. Skobin was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* as saying, "I'm very excited about what's happening at the LAPD. We have a strong agenda and commitment from the mayor to make the city safer and put more police officers on the streets." He is committed to ensuring that police services are distributed equally throughout the city.



Alan Skobin.

It is a privilege for the City of Los Angeles to welcome someone with Alan Skobin's distinguished background and experience as a reserve deputy to the Police Commission. The League looks forward to working with Mr. Skobin as he assumes his responsibilities on the commission, and we wish him the best of luck in his continued service to our community.

Mark Your Calendars

The LAPPL's 21st annual Benefit Golf Tournament is happening Monday, September 8, 2003. Benefiting the LAPD Family Support Group and the relief fund for the families of officers who die while on active duty, this year's event will be held at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge.

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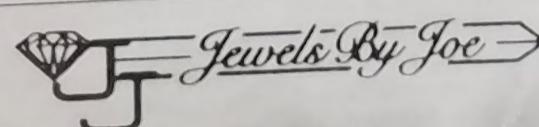
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LET'S ROLL

Paul Weber

RIP

We lost one of our brothers with the death of Detective Abiel "Abe" Barron, Serial No. 24314, who was killed in the line of duty on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, in San Bernardino, California. His partner, Detective Andy Teague was seriously injured.

The detectives were headed east on Highway 138 about 2 miles west of Interstate 15 in the Cajon Pass when they were met head-on by a full-size Chevrolet pickup driven by Joe Fernandez, 50, of Pinon Hills. Fernandez, who suffered broken bones in the crash, was booked on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter at West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga. He is suspected of crossing the double yellow centerline in a no-passing zone along the highway. He was released after posting \$75,000 bail.

Detective Barron was born on November 27, 1953, in Los Angeles, California. He was appointed to the Department on November 14, 1983, and was last assigned to Northeast Area. Detective Barron is survived by his wife, Ann Marie; daughter, Lauren; mother, Magda; brothers, Arnold and retired Sergeant Sam Barron and sister Magda.

Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton, President of the Los Angeles Police Commission Rick Caruso, California Department of Justice Attorney General Bill Lockyer, gave eulogies along with family and friends of Detective Barron.

Detective Barron was set to receive the LAPD's Police Medal, the LAPD's second highest award for distinguished bravery, for preventing a woman from leaping to her death on April 30, 2002. Chief Bratton concluded his remarks by presenting the medal posthumously to Detective Barron's wife Ann Marie.

Please keep the Barron family, Detective Andy Teague, and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Just The Facts

The interest rates have been steadily dropping and many are re-financing existing loans or buying homes they could otherwise never afford. To do this you need good credit and many people (including officers) suffer in this area. I hope this information will help.

First, you need to bone up on your own credit history by obtaining copies of your credit reports. Credit reporting companies keep track of all credit accounts in your name and sell that data to you, and to prospective lenders and employers. If the information on record is incorrect, it may result in a higher interest rate on your loan or prevent you from getting a loan at all.

We know there is a rampant increase in identity theft, so it is very important that you know what's on your credit report. Contact each of the major credit-reporting agencies to obtain copies of your reports.

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The "Big Three" credit-reporting agencies (see above) sell individual reports for up to \$9 a piece. Or, they'll sell "3-in-1" packages that include information from all three companies for up to \$40. The Bush administration recently proposed making one credit report a year from each agency free for everyone.

If you've had debt problems, you'll also want to obtain a copy of your credit report from Innovis Data Solutions. This Columbus, Ohio, company provides consumer-credit data on people with bad credit to lenders so they can cut costs by not mailing promotions to consumers who don't qualify. But lenders request credit reports from Innovis as well, so it's important to know what's in your report. Note, however, that Innovis doesn't make it easy to get your hands on that report — it will only accept credit report requests by mail. Again, the fee varies.

For The Record

After sifting through these reports, contact the credit reporting companies immediately to correct any inaccurate data. But remember, only erroneous information can be deleted from your file. Negative information, such as unpaid hospital bills, remains on your credit report for seven years, and more serious problems (bankruptcies, tax liens, etc.) stick around for 10 years.

Late payments also are hard to expunge, but if your lender is willing to work with you, it's possible. Contact your lender, explain your current situation and the circumstances behind the late payments, and ask for a "goodwill adjustment." Lenders are more apt to do this if you're current with your accounts and have a longtime relationship with the company. Be persistent, but not pushy, and if necessary ask to speak to someone higher up the customer-service food chain.

If all else fails and you can't get rid of negative information, accurate or otherwise, write letters to the credit reporting agencies explaining the circumstance behind the bad debt, and ask them to attach it to your report.

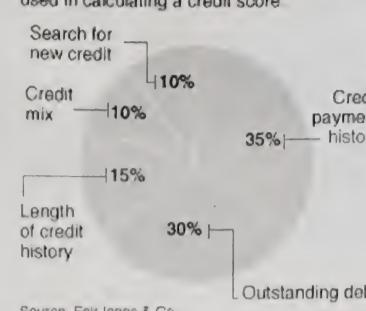
Improving Your Score

The information in your credit reports is used to determine your credit score. While the credit-reporting agencies all have their own proprietary scoring systems, the one lenders rely on is Fair Isaac's 800-point "FICO" system. A score above 720 usually means you will be offered the best loan rate currently available.

Scorers such as Fair Isaac & Co. take this information from your credit report and plug it into formulas that calculate a value representing the amount of risk you pose to a lender. That value takes into account the track record of other consumers with similar credit profiles. By looking at this value, or score, lenders are

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What's in a credit score? Here are the five categories of information that are typically used in calculating a credit score



Source: Fair Isaac & Co.

able to roughly gauge whether it's a good idea to extend you credit.

Fair Isaac calculates the widely used FICO credit score on a scale ranging from 300 to 850 — the higher, the better. It is used nationwide by lenders to judge creditworthiness. The score that Fair Isaac and other scorers calculate generally uses information from one of the three main credit bureaus: TransUnion, Experian and Equifax.

It's possible there are discrepancies among the information held at each of the bureaus that could affect your score and the interest rate you receive, says Craig Watts, a spokesman for Fair Isaac.

A number of things can improve your credit score, though most need to be done over a long period of time to show a pattern of good borrowing behavior. Here are a few points to remember:

Pay debts on time. Even if you've missed payments in the past, paying all your bills in a timely manner will improve your score. If possible, negotiate with credit card issuers to get lower minimum monthly payments due so you can pay all your bills on time. Above all else, pay your current mortgage on time.

Keep credit-card balances low. The less money you have on your cards, the better. "FICO scores will progressively reward you for balances that approach zero, so if your credit utilization is near 100% — meaning you've maxed out your cards — then it's obviously not good for your credit score," says Craig Watts, consumer-affairs manager at credit-analysis firm Fair Isaac Corp., San Raphael, Calif. Balances above 50% of the amount of the credit limit will negatively impact your credit score.

If you've got a number of credit lines open — credit cards, home-equity loans, etc. — you can improve your credit score by re-jigging your debt. For example, if your \$5,000 credit-card limit is maxed out, but you have a \$30,000 home-equity line of credit available, pay off your credit card using your home-equity debt. By doing so, both lines of credit drop below the 50% threshold. Credit-monitoring services, which for a fee will track your credit reports and alert you to changes in your credit score, can help you discover other ways to manage your debt and improve your score.

Vary your debt. Lenders want to see how you have managed various types of debt, so a person with student loans, an auto loan and a credit-card account may have a better score than a person carrying three credit-card accounts with similar balances. If you're just out of college and laden with student loans, but you don't yet have a credit card, open an

account and begin borrowing and repaying the debt.

Stop applying for credit. Every time you apply for a credit line, it's reflected in your credit report — and the more applications you make in a short period of time the more it hurts your credit score. Why? Because lenders worry that you may be borrowing beyond your means. Ideally, you'll want to stop trying to obtain additional credit at least a year before you apply for a major loan. Remember that you are applying for credit when you sign a cellphone contract, so if you're in the habit of switching phones, you may hurt your chances of getting a better loan rate.

Start building a track record. Another factor used to calculate your credit score is the number of years you've had an active credit history. If you're right out of college and haven't had the time to build up a history of borrowing and repaying debt, put off making major purchases like a home or a new car and get started charging. Open a credit-card account or two, and begin buying and repaying your cards in a steady pattern.

Finally, don't wait until you're ready to apply for a loan to begin working on cleaning up your credit record. The farther in advance you can do things to improve your score, the better, says Fair Isaac's Mr. Watts. "If you're going for a major loan, check your credit reports at least six months to a year before you apply," he says. "There's very little that can be done at the last minute if you have dents in your credit history."

Finding Help

A new industry has popped up that aims to help consumers prevent identity theft or remedy it once it occurs. For those who want a less-expensive option, nonprofit groups offer do-it-yourself information. Contact www.idtheftcenter.org or www.privacyrights.org.

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Bring It

Last month the President of the Police Commission and the Chief of Police made loud public comments about the need to revise and modify the City Charter pertaining to disciplinary procedures and Boards of Rights. These loud comments resulted from the belated story in the *L.A. Times* regarding the "not guilty" decision of a Board of Rights regarding charges against Officer Ed Larrigan resulting from the tragic shooting of Margaret Mitchell.

Of course, I would not be writing this article if Officer Larrigan had been found guilty and terminated from his employment as a LAPD officer. However, in response once again to the loud comments about the need for Charter reform, we say "Bring It!"

To the proponents of yet more changes to police disciplinary procedures, we remind them of the following information straight out of their own *Management Guide to Discipline* (LAPD, January 2000).

Early Charter Reforms

In 1925, the voters of Los Angeles approved sweeping changes to the City Charter. Most of the changes amounted to an attempt to reduce political patronage and insulate city workers from corruption. Section 202 dealt specifically with police officers. Section 202 provided for a Board of Inquiry composed of

captains to judge an officer. However, the civilian Board of Police Commissioners, appointed by the mayor, could dissolve the decisions of the Board of Inquiry whenever it rendered a verdict the Commission did not like.

In 1931, Section 202 was again amended to address these shortcomings. Police officers were given a substantial "right" to their positions. The Police Commission could no longer overrule the decision of the Board of Inquiry. However, the Chief of Police had the authority to overrule or ignore a Board's decision, and as the Chief served at the pleasure of the Police Commission and the mayor, little had actually changed. (This sounds familiar in 2003).

In 1934, Lieutenant William H. Parker began to rewrite Section 202. Parker was a law school graduate and former assistant to Chief James E. Davis. Parker knew the workings of city government close up. The Shaw brothers presided over a corrupt city, and Chief J. Davis was beholden to the Shaws. Mayor Shaw's brother was controlling the vice squad and selling sergeant's tests for \$500. Working with another lieutenant, Earl Cooke, Parker campaigned for the passage of the Charter amendment in 1935. Within two years, a reform mayor was elected and Chief J. Davis was forced to resign. Mayor Shaw became the first big-city mayor in the nation to be recalled from office, and his brother was prosecuted for corruption.

Chief of Police as Disciplinarian

The 1935 Charter amendment established the Chief of Police as the sole disciplinarian of tenured officers, but it created checks against the absolute power of the Chief to impose discipline. Charter Section 202 provided for the Chief to impose a suspension not to exceed thirty days with loss of pay and with or without reprimand, or temporarily relieve the accused officer from duty pending a hearing before a decision by a Board of Rights. In 1992, the Chief was given the added authority to demote in rank with or without suspension or reprimand or both. Such suspension and/or demotion is subject to the right of such officer to a hearing before a Board of Rights. However, to remove an officer from office or impose a suspension of more than thirty days, the recommendation must come from a Board of Rights following a hearing. The Chief may decrease the Board's recommended penalty but may not increase it. (Emphasis added). It should be noted that under the five year tenure of former Chief Parks, 125 officers were terminated after recommendation from Boards of Rights.

The authority of the Chief of Police to discipline tenured officers was again bolstered by an amendment to the Charter in 1972. Section 32.1, Transfer of Powers, stated in part:

...The power of the Mayor and the Council to make transfers as contained within this section shall not extend to the disciplinary and other functions of the Fire Department and the Police Department as contained in Sections 135 and 202, respectively; and the powers, duties and functions of the Police Department and the Fire Department may be transferred or consolidated as provided in this section to the extent that only subordinate or auxiliary powers, duties or functions are involved and the primary

purpose of character of the Police Department and the Fire Department are not significantly altered or affected

To clarify the powers of the Board of Police Commissioners and the Chief of Police, the City Charter contains the citation, *Sweetnam v. Board of Police Commrs.*, 56 Cal. App. 644.

The power to remove or to suspend a police officer under the 1889 Charter as amended, was conferred upon the Chief of Police, the power only to review the action of that officer, but not the power of removal or suspension, being vested in the Board of Police Commissioners. The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles not being vested with the power to remove a police officer, but only with the power to review that action of the Chief of Police after that latter has removed or suspended the officer, a purported order of removal by such board is wholly without force and determines no right, and such an order will not stand between the officer thus ordered removed and his right to receive the salary that goes with the office he occupies.

Regarding discipline of tenured officers, City Charter Section 205 specifically limits the authority of the Board of Police Commissioners:

The Board of Police Commissioners shall have the power to issue instructions to the Chief of Police concerning the exercise of authority conferred on the Office of the Chief of Police by this Charter, other than the disciplinary authority conferred by Section 202.

Thus, the authority to discipline tenured officers rests solely with the Chief of Police. However, with that authority comes the responsibility to ensure a fair and consistent application of discipline, prefaced by clearly delineated expectations. The Chief of Police

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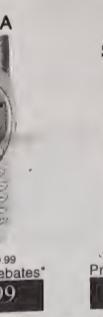
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"
—John Donne

I am the law. How can I break the law?

Anyone out there remember the officer (usually on the badge heavy side) who used to spout this little phrase when questioned about his actions? That attitude was the cause of a lot of trouble for the Department over the years. We now have the consent decree, special orders, and a disciplinary system that demands that officers respect the law as they enforce it. This is good. Police officers are, of course, the bottom line in applying the laws of government to the governed. We are where the idealism of law crashes into the reality of enforcement. We are where the rubber meets the road.

Although, you as a police officer, have a lot of discretion on the street when it comes to applying the law to a citizen, there is a system in place above you that allows the citizen to challenge your decisions. You do not have absolute police power over anyone on the street, no matter how egregious the suspect's conduct is. Even the most vicious psychopath gets to challenge your decision to arrest.

It is the genius of the American form of government that absolute power is highly suspect and that checks and balances are built into every exercise of power by anyone in government. Thus, the arrest of your suspect is reviewed by the District Attorney. If he decides to file a criminal complaint, his decision is reviewed by a jury. If the jury convicts, that conviction can be reviewed by an appellate court. If the appellate court affirms the conviction, that decision can be appealed to the state supreme court. If the state supreme court, agrees with the appellate court, that agreement might be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. In short, review of a government decision as basic as an arrest is part of the American fabric of government.

So why the outcry when an officer is cleared of misconduct by a Board of Rights? The media and some people within the Department seem to find fault with the decision of a Board of Rights that finds an officer "not guilty." The same people that insist that you, as an officer, afford every constitutional right to the vicious psychopath you arrest on the street, become constitutionally nearsighted when you as an officer are accused of misconduct.

You do not relinquish your right as an American citizen because you pin on the badge. The same theory of checks and balances to a government decision that exists for other citizens also exists for you. When an allegation of misconduct is sustained against you by your captain and penalty days recommended, it is reviewed by the Bureau. If the Bureau concurs, it is reviewed by the Chief of Police. If the Chief of Police concurs, you have the right to have the Chief's decision reviewed by a Board of Rights. If the Board of Rights finds you guilty, you have the right to have that decision reviewed by a superior court. If the superior court rules against you, you have the right to appeal to an appellate court. If the appellate court rules against you, you have the right to appeal to the state supreme court, and, yes, the right to petition the U. S. Supreme Court, too.

The law, as written in the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, says that you as an officer can appeal a decision by the Department to suspend you to a "full, fair, and impartial hearing" before a Board of Rights. Various high ranking people in the Department may disagree with a Board of Rights final determination, but it is the law that the Board's decision is binding on the Chief of Police, except to lower the recommended penalty. Any attempt to impact the "impartiality" of Board members, such as calling special meetings for Board members with higher ranking officers to explain their decisions, or public comments decrying their decisions by high ranking members of the Department or Police Commission, shows a lack of respect for the law and unfairly impacts the ability of the next accused officer to get a "full, fair, and impartial hearing."

We might all be inclined to give Chief Bratton unrestricted power over officers because of his credibility as a fair manager and a pro-officer chief of police, but what about the next chief? Bratton may be a George Washington with the personal integrity to use his power wisely and decline to be an emperor, but the next chief of police may be a Julius Caesar, ready, willing and able to cross the Rubicon. The checks and balances must be preserved.

1.48.6 Warnings

A lot of personnel complaints come through the League's legal unit. Most, if not all, do not have any evidence that the warning required by the penal code to be given to those making complaints against police officers was ever made. Section 1.48.6 (a) (2) of the Penal Code says this:

"A Any law enforcement agency accepting an allegation of misconduct against a peace officer shall require the complainant to read and sign the following advisory, all in boldface type: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST A POLICE OFFICER FOR ANY IMPROPER POLICE CONDUCT. CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES THIS AGENCY TO HAVE A PROCEDURE TO INVESTIGATE CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROCEDURE. THIS AGENCY MAY FIND AFTER INVESTIGATION THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO WARRANT ACTION ON YOUR COMPLAINT; EVEN IF THAT IS THE CASE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THE COMPLAINT AND HAVE IT INVESTIGATED IF YOU BELIEVE AN OFFICER BEHAVED IMPROPERLY. CITIZEN COMPLAINTS AND ANY REPORTS OR FINDINGS RELATING TO COMPLAINTS MUST BE RETAINED BY THIS AGENCY FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS."

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT THAT YOU KNOW TO BE FALSE. IF YOU MAKE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN OFFICER KNOWING THAT IT IS FALSE, YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED ON A MISDEMEANOR CHARGE.

I have read and understood the above statement. [emphasis added]

Why isn't this being done? There was

ambiguity as to whether this section was constitutional, but that ambiguity has been cleared up by the courts. Penal Code section 148.6 is constitutional. There is no free speech right to make a false complaint. Period. State law requires that this section be read to a complainant. How many complainants would decide not to file a false complaint against police officers if they knew it was actually illegal? Shouldn't they be apprised that a false complaint is illegal if they are contemplating lying just to get out of a ticket? Beyond this, isn't it the Department's duty to obey the law? Is this just a larger version of "I am the law, how can I break it" on a higher level?

Even the restrictions in the consent decree do not require the Department to abandon state law. Paragraph 74 (h) prohibits "requiring a potential complainant to sign any form that in any manner limits or waives the ability of a civilian to file a police complaint," but the meaning of this section would have to be tortured beyond recognition if this is being used as an excuse not to comply with 148.6 P.C. Warning of the negative effects of a telling a deliberate lie is not limiting a citizen's ability to file a complaint. The California Supreme Court looked this question straight in the face and said this:

If a person wants to file a complaint in a way that forces an investigation, that person may not knowingly tell a factual falsehood. The Legislature may elevate the status of a category of complaints that are particularly sensitive--like those of misconduct against peace officers--and require their investigation and retention of records, and at the same time penalize those who invoke that status with knowingly false complaints. No one has a constitutional right to make a complaint of misconduct knowing both

that the complaint must be investigated and that it is false. [Stanistreet v. Atkinson, 29 Cal 4th 497, emphasis added] [Certiorari denied by the U.S. Supreme Court, May 5, 2003]

Furthermore, there are complaints that go through the system that are "unfounded" because the officer, unknown to the complainant, tape recorded the entire incident and there is proof that the complainant was lying. There are also complaints that are "unfounded" because the complainant admits that they were lying to get out of a ticket, or retaliate against the officer. Why aren't these type of cases being presented to the City Attorney for misdemeanor filings against the complainant? If they are, why aren't they being filed and publicized? Our officers need to know that they are being defended by the City and Department when they are clearly the victims of a crime.

Maybe the first question to ask a personnel complaint investigator who is investigating whether or not you followed Department policy, is whether or not he, or she, is following state law.

Certain elements in the community need to hear *warning bells* and know that it is not open season on LAPD officers. Chief Bratton is requiring that officers act correctly out there and, in return, when the officers act correctly, Chief Bratton is backing their play. This attitude needs to filter down through the management ranks until it is apparent to the P-2 who is making the decision on whether or not to take law enforcement action that he has the support of his organization. He, or she, will make better decisions when there is a feeling of support. We are traveling down that road, but we need to go faster.

Be legally careful out there. ♦

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A Message From Chief Bratton

Reflections of A Chief

by Mary Grady, LAPD Public Information Director

The dappled light falls softly through the window and across the flag-draped casket creating a warm glow. In the front row of the chapel on the hill, Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton looks on, as one by one, friends and family reflect on the life of Los Angeles Police Detective Abiel Barron. As he listens, the picture Bratton sees in his mind is not that of the hundreds of officers that fill the chapel. It is the car, the Crown Victoria that Barron and partner Andy Teague were riding in when tragedy struck. "I cannot get the picture of that car out of my mind," says Chief Bratton.

Days later, sitting in his office staring out the window, Chief Bratton remembers that fateful night when he lost one of his finest. On June 25, 2003, Barron and Teague were hit head on by a pickup truck changing lanes illegally on Highway 138. The two Northeast Division Homicide Detectives had just finished re-locating a witness and were on their way home. "This death was particularly significant to myself and to Chief Jim McDonnell. We had responded and flown to the scene of the accident. Seeing the Crown Victoria, knowing that is the car that many of us drive in every day, and how it was crumpled up, I was reminded of the frailty of life. It drives home how special every day is."

In his 33 years of law enforcement, Chief Bratton has attended too many

police funerals to count. As Police Superintendent, Commissioner and now Chief, he has eulogized both young and old. "The first police funeral I attended was in 1970 for Boston Police Officer Walter Schroeder. He was in his fifties and was killed responding to a bank robbery. Two years later his brother, who was also a police officer, was killed in a pawnshop holdup. In 1975, I received Boston's highest award for valor that had just been renamed the Schroeder Brother Medal of Valor. In 1993, just before I left Boston for New York, I was in the courtroom when the last outstanding suspect for Walter Schroeder's murder surrendered. My career in Boston started with the Schroeder murder and ended with the surrender of a fugitive on the run for 23 years."

For Chief Bratton, the deaths of police officers are always extraordinarily compelling. "You never get used to them. You never want to get used to them. You always want to be angry about the death. You want to be mindful of the sacrifice. There is nothing that tears up police officers like a death in the line of duty. It is one of the few times police officers allow themselves to show emotion and vulnerability, to show tears, to hug and embrace. Police officers are trained not to show emotion. This is one time when we feel comfortable showing emotion."

In the chapel on the hill, the LAPD



Chief clearly feels the loss as he eulogizes a man he never met, but through his family has come to know. "The eulogies are never easy. On the other hand, these events are an important opportunity to remind officers and remind the public of how special the police profession is. It is an example of how when others run away from danger, we are rushing to the danger. It is a reminder that death can come at any time. In this instance, you had two officers approaching the end of their tour of duty. They were probably driving home discussing what they were going to do when they got home. They may have been discussing family situations. Both are remarkable families. Meeting Abe's wife, Ann Marie, it's obvious that they had a remarkable relationship based on many shared interests. They had just bought land in the mountains where they had planned on retiring. At the time of the accident, they had just returned from vacation and she was showing me pictures she had just received. I told her that the last memories are usually some of the best memories."

Those memories of Abe Barron's

life, shared by those who knew him best, are vivid. As he sat listening during the funeral, Bratton smiled, then laughed as the stories of Abe's life read like the chapters of a book. "One of the greatest changes I have seen in police funerals over the last thirty years are the personal remembrances now included. For Abe's service, it was nice to see and hear the personal side, his love of fishing, and his love of going to the ball games. We mourned and we grieved, but we also laughed. And it is all right."



to laugh. It is after all, a celebration of life. The moment of death was just a moment, but there was an entire life to celebrate and a lifetime of memories." These are memories of Northeast Homicide Detective Abe Barron.

We must also continue our prayers for Abe's partner, Andy Teague. We must fulfill our promise never to forget either one of them.

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bar of justice. We need both U.S. and Mexican government officials to collaborate in the name of bringing justice to the victims and families of these crimes committed in the U.S.

We can't afford to let this happen again to anyone – whether civilian, Sheriff's Deputy or LAPD. We raised the issue again in June, when convicted rapist Andrew Luster was captured in Mexico and returned to California to serve his sentence. While we applaud the cooperation between Mexican and U.S. authorities in the Luster case, the LAPPL questions why as much effort and cooperation is not being devoted to return Armando Garcia to the U.S.

Several months ago, President Bush personally promised the family of Deputy March that he would see that Armando Garcia would be returned to the United States for prosecution. Now that the precedent for returning a violent criminal to the U.S. has been set in the Luster case, the LAPPL has urged the Bush administration to act immediately. We have also personally pledged to Mrs. Terry March that we will do what we can to assist her in her fight to see justice served. And we hope we can count on your support – as fellow officers of Deputy March, and to honor his memory and the memories of other fallen officers – to help her achieve this goal.

I'd like everyone to think about the acronym T.E.A.M.: Together Everyone Achieves More. Whether we're working on contract negotiations or returning criminals to the United States for prosecution, it is our efforts as a team that will ultimately bring us the results we want – we thank you for your support, and look forward to achieving countless other goals together in the months ahead.

To All Active League Members
The Board of Directors is pleased to bring to all members of our Bargaining Unit, Lieutenant and Below, the formal Memorandum of Understanding for the next three contract years (July 1, 2003-June 30, 2006). It is our unanimous belief that this is a fair and equitable agreement between the League, the Department and the City, and reflects the best possible improvements that these uncertain economic times can provide.

Apparently, the majority of the membership is also in agreement with us, as was shown by the overwhelming approval of this successor MOU at the recent ratification meetings held throughout the City.

The following is a brief summary of some of the major benefit improvements for this new MOU. Working together, we have been able to build on your professionalism and performance, and will continue to promote and protect your rights in future negotiations.

SUMMARY TENTATIVE AGREEMENT City of Los Angeles and The Police Officers, Lieutenant and Below Representation Unit

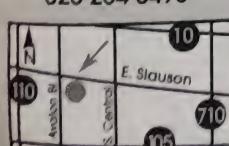
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1. **TERM:** 3 years
2. **COLA:** 2% - July 1, 2003; 3% - July 1, 2004; 4% - July 1, 2005
3. **HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY**
 - \$55 monthly subsidy increase on July 1, 2003;
 - \$50 increase on July 1, 2004, not to exceed the civilian subsidy increase of January 1, 2004; and
 - An increase on July 1, 2005, in an amount not to exceed the civilian subsidy increase of January 1, 2005.
4. **VACATION**
 - One day to all members with two or more years of service reached during calendar year 2003 and credited on January 1, 2004.
 - One additional day for members with 10 years of service reached during calendar year 2005 and credited on January 1, 2006.
5. **UNIFORMS** – Currently \$850 annually. Officers will receive a \$25 increase on July 1, 2004; July 1, 2005; and July 1, 2006.
6. **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** – City to pick up additional cost increase of \$30,000 for 2003-2004.
7. **MOU CHANGES** – The parties have tentative agreement on the following MOU Articles:

a. Article 4 – Work Schedules	d. Article 9 – Administrative Appeals
b. Article 7 – Family and Medical Leave: Family Illness	e. Article 10 – Representation
c. Article 8 – Grievances	



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of City Revenue Sources:

This is a well diversified portfolio of income sources and makes the city structure pretty stable.

Where Does the City Spend its Money

Generally speaking, on program services. A program is a continually reoccurring system of services intended to benefit society whether directly or indirectly. The police service is an example of a basic governmental program.

The City has two classifications of funds that it can spend. First are restricted funds, which must be spent on specified programs, second are unrestricted funds, which can be spent where they are needed or wanted.

Since restricted funds are restricted, they must be spent on specific programs. They cannot be used for general fund projects. Restricted funds comprise 42 percent of total revenue. Unrestricted funds do not have restrictions and therefore can be used where needed. Unrestricted funds comprise 58 percent of total revenue.



The attached pie chart reflects the list of City Spending of Unrestricted Revenues:

It is important to note that police and fire account for 65.7 percent of all unrestricted fund spending. Of course, they should be the major object of funding.

The entire socio-economic system fails without public and personal safety in the home, workplace and marketplace.

Fundamental Shift in Philosophy and Strategy

If the City's general fund is empty, they don't have the money to pay more or give us better benefits. But if there is a lot of money in the general fund, then the City can pay us more and give us better benefits. As Los Angeles becomes a safer city, it can attract more businesses, tourists and middle class homeowners. Our task had to be to help the City get more money into the General Fund so we could begin this constructive cycle.

So, instead of being combative and adversarial toward the City, we said that we were willing to use our political influence, both in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to help the City get money back to the City's General Fund.

This change in strategy has a lot of risk to it, including the need to trust the leaders of the City and Department. Over the past decade there has been an abysmally low trust between Department managers and many elected City officials and the League. But we have developed trust between Mayor Hahn, who has gone way out of his way to be open with us and to focus pay and benefits pay to the rank-and-file; and Chief Bratton who is "transparent" with the electeds, the public and with the leaders of the League.

Part of the collaboration included going to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., and getting involved with other organizations such as the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties and the City of Los Angeles to ensure that we got monies back to local governments where the basic governmental services are provided.

Summary

The League has become a results oriented organization. What have we accomplished - results? The first element of the League's mission is to obtain and enforce the best contract possible. That is exactly what we have done over the past eight years going from the bottom of the pay chart to the top. We delivered RESULTS.

You were able to retain professional

dignity and get a raise, on time, unlike ten years ago. Also, unlike ten years ago, you didn't have to go without a raise, you didn't have to be divided over Blue Flu, you didn't have to march on City Hall.

Many of the social and economic conditions of ten years ago are the same as today. But this time we used a different strategy - collaboration and not combat. And it worked. We produced excellent results.

tively address crime problems, ultimately making our city safer.

The values that drive our officers and motivate our departments - serving the residents of our nation and protecting our local communities - will always remain a constant. For the officers of the LAPD, we join Chief Bratton in his goal to make Los Angeles the safest big city in the nation - and until this is achieved, it will be our main focus. Once we become the safest big city, we will work diligently to uphold this status.

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to train and mentor new officers and contribute to the community. Their dedication to the Department is invaluable. In Los Angeles we have in recent years placed greater emphasis on the community policing programs that were originated at our Department under Chief Ed Davis - and now serve as a model for police organizations around the globe. This partnership between the residents and officers of our city helps us keep in touch with their needs and more effectively address crime problems, ultimately making our city safer.

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is accountable to the people of Los Angeles through the oversight of the Board of Police Commissioners which has the authority to evaluate the Chief's performance. (Emphasis added).

The Chief of Police must rely upon subordinate command and staff officers to provide the needed insights in the discipline process. An employee's commanding officer is in the best position to know what disciplinary measures will be effective with a particular employee. This is very consistent with the community based policing concept. However, in making such recommendations, we agree that it is imperative that com-

manding officers recognize the need to weigh disciplinary recommendations with consideration to the example such discipline would represent to the organization at large and the public as a whole.

With all of above said, we at the League patiently wait for any valid proposal to modify the disciplinary procedures of the LAPD. League members should rest assured that we will not sell out. We will bargain in good faith and we will never agree to confer absolute power to impose discipline upon you on any particular individual or entity.

Be safe and if you are not a member of the League's Enhanced Legal Defense Program strongly consider joining by contacting our representatives at (866) LAPPL4U.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned to the writer for editing. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

Hello,

My name is Officer Teresa Gallardo. I want to share something very special but also very sad with everyone in the LAPD family. In July, 2002, I became pregnant and we had everything perfectly planned for our first child. I did everything I could to keep my baby happy, although I was pretty nauseous the first three months, which is to be expected. In August, 2002, we heard our baby's first heartbeat. It was so strong and absolutely amazing. In October, 2002, my mother and I saw the baby in the ultrasound. Every time the tech pushed on the baby, she would kick her little feet really fast. I just couldn't believe I had a little baby inside of me. Again, it was truly amazing. My feet and legs began to swell up and I had severe numbness in my hands, but my doctor said it was normal and not to worry. I gained 20 pounds in a month, although I was not eating badly, I was just getting very swollen. In November, 2002, I was hospitalized because my blood pressure was too high and I was urinating protein. I was only five months along, but the doctor told me she may have to do a c-section and deliver my child, but the chances of survival for our child were not good. I was so scared. I couldn't imagine losing my child.

I thought about how she would move all over the place in my stomach when the song, "Like I Love You" by Justin Timberlake would come on the radio. She already had her favorites. I was praying and hoping this would stop and we would be okay. The doctor released me the same day and put me on bed rest until March 17, 2003, which is when our child was to be born. I was to come back in a month for my next prenatal visit on November, 2002. I stood at my grandmother's home and she cared for me. But I had difficulty breathing and I continued to get swollen. My doctor would say I was fine. This was my first child so I listened to my doctor and waited until my next prenatal visit.

In November, 2002, when I went to the doctor for my six-month prenatal visit, all of a sudden everything just went out of control. My doctor told me to get to Huntington Memorial Hospital as soon as possible because she may have to deliver my child due to my blood pressure being so high and again I was urinating protein. I didn't know what was going on.

We went to the hospital and all I could think about was "this cannot be happening." I thought that I would be checked and released again as before. We all prayed and I was told that I would be hospitalized for the remainder of my pregnancy. I was fine with that as long as my baby would be okay. Another ultrasound was done at the hospital and our baby was doing just fine. We didn't want to know what sex our baby was until it was born. But considering the circumstances, we decided to find out. The doctor advised us it was a baby girl. The doctor also advised us that I had "preeclampsia" and the chance of our child surviving was a 50/50 chance, because she would be very small and her lungs would not be fully developed.

I had never heard about preeclampsia, nor did anyone else in my family. The doctor said they don't know how or why women get preeclampsia, but it does occur in first pregnancies. We still didn't realize how serious this was. We prayed for the best and hoped everything would be fine. I figured I was under the best care and technology today is overwhelming. "What could possibly go wrong?"

On December 1, 2002, I began to have a terrible headache and my blood pressure began to rise. The next stage of preeclampsia is eclampsia. Eclampsia is when you have a stroke, coma and death. Neither my child nor I would survive. Next thing I knew I was being prepared for an emergency c-section. I was awake during the whole procedure. We heard our baby girl's first tiny little cry and I was able to see her before she was taken into the neonatal unit. She was so tiny. She only weighed 1 lb. and 4 oz., but she was 11-1/2 inches long.

Her doctor and the neonatal nurses advised me they needed to take her to the neonatal section and take care of her. I was so happy because I just knew she would be okay. I was given so much medication that I slept for about 24 hours. When I woke up, I anxiously wanted to go see my baby girl and hear how she was doing.

I was told that she was very strong and she didn't need any assistance with her breathing for the first 12 hours. They only put her on the respirator because they didn't want her to get tired. I was taken to the neonatal unit. I walked up to her incubator and saw her tiny little body laying there with her arm over her head and her little leg up, as if she was sunbathing at the beach. She was getting squashed inside of me, so I could see she really enjoyed her space. The nurse told me to put my hand inside the incubator and touch her. I was scared because she was so tiny, but I couldn't wait. I placed my hand inside the incubator and called out her name, "Makayla, Makayla." She began to try to look around and move her little body, but she had these little covers on her eyes. She then reached up with her tiny little hand and grabbed my finger. Oh my God, this unfamiliar overwhelming amount of love filled my heart and I fell in love with her. I never imagined or felt this before in my life. She knew I was her mommy and she recognized my voice. I never wanted her to let go. I promised her we would all leave together, as a family, and we would love her so much.

Every day was a challenge for her, but she made it through. When I was released from the hospital about five days later, we checked into the hotel that Huntington Memorial had inside of the hospital. We checked on her day and night. She was so amazing and strong. She began to eat formula and she always responded when we went inside to see her. She even opened her little eyes to see us.

On the 13th day, she started to have complications with her breathing. She tried her hardest to stay with us, but her tiny little body could no longer handle so many complications. On December

15, 2002, our baby girl went with God. We could not believe it. Our hearts were crushed, but we knew she would no longer suffer and now she would watch over us.

But our baby Makayla will never be forgotten. With the support of AFLAC and everyone who supported us during this difficult time, we have started the "Makayla's Haven Foundation." With this foundation we hope to give monetary help to families that are in similar situations and perhaps help ease some of the stress of having a sick child.

I want to say that I was guilty of complaining about having to buy Memorial Foundation Golf Tickets every year for the last nine years, because I had never really known what the Memorial Foundation was all about. Well, I will say this: Be very grateful that you never had to find out. When our child passed away, it was going to be a week before we could get into the Forest Lawn in Covina. As difficult as this already was, we wanted our child to rest in peace. I called the Memorial Foundation and they made an appointment for us the very next day. For this we will always be grateful. Also, without ever asking us, they paid for the funeral services. We never filled out forms or had to qualify, the Memorial Foundation just did it. When I asked why, their response was "because you are part of the Los Angeles Police Department family, and we take care of our family."

From the very first day that I was in the hospital, the support from the LAPD family was overwhelming. I want to personally say that we thank all of you so very much for everything. You were all there from the start to the finish.

Thank you my Northeast Division

family, thank you to the Wellness Coordination Division, thank you to my Property Division family, thank you to the Memorial Foundation, thank you to all the support from the AFLAC family and thank you to the Los Angeles Police Protective League. May God bless you all.

The Gallardo-Maltez Family

Subject: Who's Really Doing the Work?

In a recent article in the *L.A. Times*, Chief Bratton commented on the current decline in violent crimes in Los Angeles. The *L.A. Times* quoted him thanking the command staff of the LAPD for the hard work in reducing crimes. Weird! I thought all along that it was the men and women of the street that are actually in a car and doing police work which resulted in the decrease in crime. Remind me to look over my shoulder and check for a captain or commander next time I am chasing a man with a gun through the backyards. I am sure that I won't be surprised at the result. (Especially on weekends and holidays.)

Officer Scotty Stevens
Southeast

Dear Dixie:

Well I want to thank you for facilitating our greatest trip to Washington D.C., yet! A lot of the very important nuts and bolts things that make the trip a success are all your doing. In all that you do in this regard, you show a great amount of love, respect and reverence to our profession. All of the participants know that, and your selfless dedication to the Police Memorials has

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RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Central
BORN: July 14, 1918
APPOINTED: July 22, 1946
RETIRED: February 22, 1972
DIED: January 22, 2003

★ ★ ★
NAME: Stanley P. Sullivan #4855
RANK: Investigator I
ASSIGNED TO: DHD
BORN: September 1, 1919
APPOINTED: August 1, 1947
RETIRED: January 7, 1977
DIED: April 10, 2003

★ ★ ★
NAME: Robert O. Ernst, #5719
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Hollywood
BORN: May 24, 1924
APPOINTED: June 28, 1948
RETIRED: July 14, 1968
DIED: June 21, 2003

★ ★ ★
NAME: Madaline Cobb #3166
RANK: Policewoman II
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: November 21, 1920
APPOINTED: January 5, 1944
RETIRED: January 12, 1974
DIED: April 24, 2003

NAME: Leonard M. Rafferty #4065
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Robbery
BORN: February 7, 1923
APPOINTED: December 5, 1945
RETIRED: February 15, 1966
DIED: June 11, 2003

★ ★ ★
NAME: Royal G. MacGregor #5004
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: North Hollywood
BORN: July 1920
APPOINTED: October 16, 1947
RETIRED: January 19, 1978
DIED: June 20, 2003

★ ★ ★
NAME: Julio R. Hernandez #27784
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: SID
BORN: October 24, 1961
APPOINTED: June 18, 1990
ACTIVE:
DIED: June 21, 2003

★ ★ ★
NAME: Abiel "Abe" Barron #24314
RANK: Detective I
ASSIGNED TO: Northeast
BORN: November 27, 1953
APPOINTED: November 14, 1983
ACTIVE:
DIED: June 25, 2003

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become something we all rely on. Thanks for all you do.

The trip was, of course, made quite sad by the loss of your brother. Once again, my condolences to you and your family on your loss.

I also want to thank the League in the persons of Tim Sands and Paul Weber for entrusting in me the goodwill of the League in taking care of our officers while in D.C. It was most generous, and they all were most appreciative.

I hope we can equal this next year.

Thanks again,
Don Schwartzer
Watch Commander
Southeast Area

Subject: Visit to L.A.

Hi,

My name is Rob Rogers and I am visiting L.A. in August this year with my family. I will be staying with my parents in the San Fernando Valley. I am a serving police officer in the Hampshire Constabulary, England. At present, I am a patrol sergeant in the busy city of Portsmouth. I'm hoping to meet up with a fellow officer from the LAPD just to say hi and to swap some uniform items. I'll be bringing over some British Police helmets and badges and general Hampshire Police bits and pieces. This e-mail is a bit of a shot in the dark, but hopefully I can find a point of contact and get a chance to meet some colleagues from another police service.

I can also be contacted on my police e-mail address: 2664@hantpol.gov.uk <mail to: 2664@hantpol.gov.uk>.

Best regards,
Rob Rogers

Subject: Australian Police Officer
Hello,

My name is Naomi Davidson. I am a serving police officer with the Queensland Police Service in Australia. I live and work in a small town called Mareeba, which is about one hour's drive west of Cairns. Cairns is situated on the east coast at the Great Barrier Reef. I was wondering if anyone in your department would be keen to exchange correspondence with me. Could you also pretty please post this e-mail to one of your department's monthly newspaper/magazines?

Regards,
Naomi Davidson
Constable
Mareeba Police Station
Davidson.NaomiJ@police.qld.gov.au

Subject: Need Talent in Oregon

Hello there. The town of Gold Beach, Oregon 40 miles into Oregon on the coast, at the mouth of the Rogue River is going to hire a new police chief very soon. I live here and love it here. I would like to see a sharp guy from my old department come up and get the job. LAPD is well thought of here from past retired officers that have come here and become sheriff, chief, etc. So, how do we get the word out for a vet/retired guy to come up and take the test, etc.? PLEASE HELP, and thanks for all you do for us retired guys.

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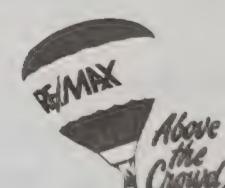


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LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

Congratulations to the League and their Negotiating Team for securing a fantastic contract for League members! Considering the serious fiscal difficulties facing both state and local governments, getting this new contract in such a timely manner is a true accomplishment! Take just a minute and let your League Directors and Negotiating Team know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Most of what you have read in the newspapers or watched on television about the state budget is pretty much accurate. The state will soon be broke, and there is no fix in sight. How this will impact the city and the city budget is, as yet, an unknown, but here's what's happening, and here's what's at risk.

On June 11, the state accepted bids on \$11 billion in short term loans, which will keep the state afloat until, roughly, September 1. The next day, the Budget Conference Committee adjourned stating it could not proceed further without "guidance from the Big 5." (The "Big 5" in Capitol parlance are: the Governor, the Speaker, the Senate President Pro Tem, and the Senate and Assembly Minority Leaders.) On June 15, the Constitution deadline to adopt a budget passed, and the "Big 5" adjourned after Senator John Burton walked out after 15 minutes stating "I've never believed in the June 15 deadline. June 30 is the end of the fiscal year, and that's the deadline."

On June 20, the Director of the Department of Finance notified the Department of Motor Vehicles that the state will have insufficient moneys to fund the VLF offsets and "pulled the trigger" and tripled the VLF (car tax)

fees. The increase will go into effect October 1. On June 23, Senator Tom McClintock announced he would be heading to court seeking a temporary restraining order to block the "trigger" and to file an initiative to repeal the VLF. Later in the week, proponents of the "Recall Gray Davis" initiative announced they were "confident" they would have sufficient signatures to qualify a measure this fall.

Why is the VLF important to peace officers?

The VLF constitutes between 17% to 25% of a city's or county's general purpose revenue. On average, more than 60% of the VLF has gone to fund public safety programs. Without it, local governments will have no choice but to make significant cuts to public safety. The very real prospect of layoffs and demotions will turn heavily upon whether local governments receive VLF funding.

What is the League doing to protect VLF and other law enforcement funding?

The League has been a leader in fighting any and every attempt to eliminate VLF as well as keeping important public safety programs, like COPS, fully funded. We have been successful in getting COPS and other vital public safety programs restored in the Governor's Budget. We have heavily lobbied Republican legislators to keep local Government whole, and have been successful in helping get at least 12 Assembly Republicans to commit to signing a letter opposing cuts to local government and public safety. Of course, with a budget gap of \$38 billion, we are far from out of the

woods.

What is the outlook for getting a budget passed before mid-July?

Not very good. Democrats and Republicans are at loggerheads over the issue of taxes and cuts. Moreover, the budget has taken on a very partisan tone with the recall of the Governor. Many Republicans perceive that keeping the budget unresolved will lend impetus to the recall movement. Thus, the recall works as an added budget disincentive. Since some Republican votes are needed for passage by a 2/3rds budget vote, the prospects of a timely budget seems quite bleak. Until the state adopts a budget, local government budgets, and significant progress in contract negotiations, will be essentially in limbo.

More likely, resolution of the budget will happen in early September. On September 1, the state will have burned through its \$11 billion loan, and will run out of money. Petitions aimed at placing a recall of Governor Davis must be submitted by September 2. The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn on September 12. Historically, passage of the budget has never gone beyond scheduled adjournment.

Although all these issues will come to a head in early September, it does not mean there will be a budget deal. We have, literally, the "perfect storm," financially and politically. Without a budget deal, everything is left in limbo. In the meantime, everyone is jockeying for position in what may be an eventual budget deal. These are very high stakes indeed.

Until next time, stay safe!

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LOS ANGELES POLICE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE 2003-2004 STATE LEGISLATIVE "HOT LIST" SUMMER REPORT

ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	2003 – 04 STATE BUDGET
COPS Funding	Would reauthorize \$116 million state funding for "Cops on the Street"	In Conference*
COPS Tech Grants	Would authorize \$18 million state funding for purchases of police equipment and technology.	In Conference* 2002
VLF Funding	Would eliminate \$4.2 billion in VLF reimbursements to cities and counties.**	In Conference**
POBR	Would suspend reimbursements for POBR**	In Conference**

*These budget appropriations were actively supported by LAPPL.

** Actively opposed by LAPPL

ASSEMBLY BILLS

BILL	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	LAPPL POSITION	BILL STATUS
AB 112	Goldberg	Would limit application of "Three Strikes."	Active Oppose	Assembly Inactive File
AB 140	Levine	Increases penalties for evading "police pursuits."	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
AB 187	Runner Garcia	Protects members of Armed Forces from discrimination.	Active Support	Senate Public Safety
AB 319	Frommer	Prohibits juveniles convicted of serious crime from owning or possessing firearms.	Active Support	Senate Public Safety
AB 359	Koretz	Requires written notification and reason therefore, to officers denied off duty employment.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate Floor
AB 834	La Suer	Requires complaints shown to be unfounded, exonerated, or frivolous be removed from department's files	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Public Safety
AB 933	Reyes	Includes stepchild for special death benefits allowed for children of officers killed in line of duty.	Active Support	Senate PERS
AB 960	La Suer	Establishes public safety officer - peer support privilege.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate Judiciary
AB 968	Correa	Creates Workers' Compensation bio-terrorism coverage	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate LIR
AB 992	Ridley Thomas	Increases sales tax on sale of ammunition.	Active Oppose	Assembly Inactive File
AB1077	Wesson	Expands ways for filing complaints against law enforcement officers.	Active Oppose	Senate Public Safety
AB 1081	Maddox	Allows officers their own access to files when frivolous law suits are filed against them.	Active Support	Senate Public Safety
AB 1119	Wesson	Establishes "Early Warning System" for law enforcement officers.	Active Oppose	Senate Public Safety
AB 1156	Nunez	Provides employees of local public agencies and employee organizations may challenge a rule of a public agency as a violation of Meyers-Milias Brown Act.	Active Support	Senate PERS
AB 1198	Dutton	Keeps POST information re: personnel records confidentiality.	Active Support	Senate Public Safety
AB 1324	Steinberg	Creates a worker's comp presumption for dependents of peace officers who contact a blood- borne infectious disease.	Active Support	Senate LIR
AB 1432	Firebaugh	Eliminates statutory double jeopardy concerning conviction by foreign government.	Active Support	Assembly Appropriations
ABX 4	Wesson	Reimburses local governments for losses resulting from the vehicle license fee (VLF) offsets.	Active Support	Governor's Office

SENATE BILLS

SB 188	Cedillo	Equalizes membership of labor and management at POST.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Senate Public Safety
SB 221	Romero	Prohibits POST from adopting regulations to make POST Certificate a revocable license.	Sponsored by LAPPL	Assembly Public Safety
SB 365	Johnson	Revises circumstances that establish workers' comp employer liability.	Active Oppose	Senate Labor & Indust. Relations
SB 366	Johnson	Changes proof requirements in cases of psychiatric injury under workers' comp	Active Oppose	Senate Labor & Indust. Relations
SB 752	Alpert	Allows detainee to be released from custody upon submittal of fingerprints.	Active Oppose	Assembly Public Safety
SBX 15	Senate Budget Committee	Time credits awarded to prisoners performing full-time education qualifying assignments.	Active Oppose	VETOED
SCA 1	Burton & McPherson	Amends the California Constitution relating to access of public information	Active Oppose	Senate Appropriations

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

2003 POLICE UNITY TOUR

by Craig White

On May 8th, 2003, the Southern California Chapter of the Police Unity Tour (19 LAPD and 6 outside agencies including Glendale, Beverly Hills, Riverside, LA Unified School, Huntington Beach and Oakland) arrived in Woodbridge N.J., to prepare for the four-day ride that would take us 300 miles from Ground Zero to Washington, D.C. We left Woodbridge the following morning for Ground Zero wearing our California Flag jerseys to start our journey with 225 fellow officers from New Jersey, Ohio, New York, Michigan and Florida. While at

Ground Zero they held a very emotional service where the names of the fallen officers from 9-11 were read. We then pedaled off from Ground Zero and through the Holland Tunnel under an overcast sky that threatened rain. It didn't disappoint us as it rained the last twenty miles of the ride. That evening we attended a candlelight vigil and ceremony held by the City of Woodbridge to honor officers who have died in the line of duty.

On the second day, we started off on what promised to be a new and more difficult course than in previous years. We finally hit Wilmington, Delaware after 93 miles and were joined by the Southern New Jersey Chapter who

continued on with us to D.C.

The third day was the killer for many, as it took us through a miserable 106 miles, with more hills than we could count. The only saving grace was that the weather forecast of heavy rains (five inches), thunderstorms, lightning and of course hail, never appeared. What did appear was a beautiful sunny sky, which was the first sun we had seen since our arrival. After a very long day and having pedaled through the Jerry Springer (I've never seen so many people with no teeth) section of Baltimore we finally arrived at our destination of Columbia, MD., just outside of Baltimore and had a well deserved shower and a

meal that wasn't power bars, bananas or fig newtons.

On the fourth and final day of our ride we arrived in Washington, D.C. and made our way to the Lincoln Memorial, where we were joined by officers who had ridden from Virginia and Indiana. Finally, 390 riders strong, we pedaled through Washington, D.C., escorted, as we had been the entire way, with full lights and sirens, to the National Police Memorial where a check for \$350,000 was presented to Craig Floyd, the Director of the Memorial. This was \$100,000 more than was raised by the Police Unity

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Police Unity Tour - Southern California Chapter. LAPD contingent at Law Enforcement Memorial.

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Unity Tour Riding through D.C.



The entire LAPD contingent at the Memorial.

LAPD In Iraq



Pictured is P-II Tim Stack (Pacific Division) and Sergeant I Julius Guay (Southwest Division) deployed for operation Iraqi Freedom in Basra Iraq.

Submitted by Julius Guay



Submitted by Shannon Paulson

Lieutenant Shannon K Paulson, USNR (Sergeant I, Newton Division) Special Operations Command, Central Area.



Submitted by Matt Mulvihill

1 weekend a month, is humorous and is meant for all the Department brass that have always looked down on officers that are drilling reservists and think we just play on these weekends.



Submitted by Matt Mulvihill

MGySgt. Matt Mulvihill (ECCCS) on the right with, MGySgt. Sal Rignola, FDNY Arson Investigator, at Tallil Air Base, An Nasahriyah, Iraq, with the wall of fame.

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"LATEST NEWS"

by Sergeant Steven H. Williams

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation is continuing to provide training grants and equipment to the dedicated men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. Our Board of Directors have been working hard to figure out ways to improve training and provide better equipment to the hard-working blue suiters that do such a fantastic job in protecting the citizens of Los Angeles.

Mr. Ken Esteves, the President of the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation, saw a need for audio visual equipment for presenters of training courses within the Department. There is a great need for Multi-Media projectors for PowerPoint presentations within the Department. The Foundation recently purchased two projectors that are available for Department members to use for

www.lapdfoundation.com and make a reservation for the projector.

The Foundation provided a grant to the Los Angeles Police S.W.A.T. Team during this last quarter for EMT training for S.W.A.T. element members. This training is quite expensive and not available through the City budgeted process. The Foundation was there to help the LAPD S.W.A.T. Team because of their dedication and the extreme risks they face everyday.

Everyone knows what a great job Sergeant Mika and his instructors do by presenting one of the most up-to-date tactical courses in the United States, right here at the Police Academy. If you don't think the LAPD presents the best tactics and weapons training in the world, think again, because Sergeant Mika and his instructors get constant inquiries from police agencies worldwide about their expertise and insight into the world of police tactical training. The Parker Foundation was glad to provide a grant to Sergeant Mika for the refurbishment of the old sit sim village at the Police Academy. The building was old and dilapidated and the Foundation provided a grant to replace the aging roof and install air conditioners for the hot summer months training.

Please remember the Foundation in your payroll deduction contributions and if you know of any corporate donors or in-kind contributions that would assist the Foundation in their mission to provide equipment and training to the LAPD, contact our office, at (213) 847-1226 or via our website at www.lapdfoundation.com.



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Poet's Corner

A MAN IN BLUE

by Det. Rosibel F. Smith

A man in blue, we lost another, we lost a friend, we lost a brother.
He's laid to rest, we don't know why, we pray to God before we cry.
Our friend is gone no longer here, someday we'll go and we'll be near.
Another day has gone and past, to home we go and hope we last.
He lived his life he tried his best, he touched our lives, he's laid to rest.
A man in blue, we lost another, we lost a friend, we lost a brother. ♦

Police Unity Tour

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Tour in 2002! The Southern California Chapter raised over \$48,000 alone!

During the following week in the D.C., we participated in a candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, a special LAPD service where we read the names of the LAPD officers that had fallen in the line of duty and ceremonies at the Capitol Building with President Bush, where the nation's fallen law enforcement heroes were honored. The common bond created by the loss of fellow officers was evident throughout the Tour and the events we attended and crossed both state and department lines.

Before our return to sunny southern California, we were able to do a little sightseeing that included a special tour of the White House for law enforcement personnel.

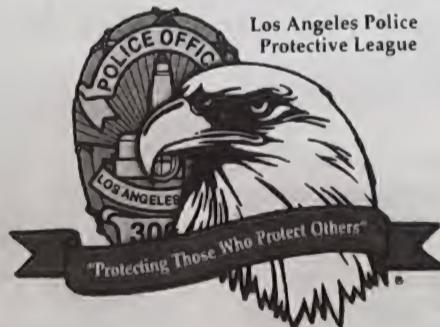
The participating LAPD members of the So. California Chapter of the Police Unity Tour were myself, SLO Craig White (Pac), Sergeants Steven Gottschalk, David Cueto (Vnys), Terri Akune, Tim O'Gorman, David Crew (Pac), Roy Escalante (WLA), Rosemary Piazza (Ramp.) Detectives Dawn Devine-Pelt (Vnys), Donovan

Nickerson (So. East), SLO Anthony Vasquez (Pac) and Officers Bruce Christensen (TCU), Manuel Ibarra, Shane Bua (Pac), Tasha Karandy (WLA) Sandra Escalante (No.East), Laura Gerritsen, (W. Valley), Reserve Officer Jim McLaughlin and retired Detective Art Pelt.

The LAPD members of the chapter can't thank all of you enough for your support, from the officers who contributed at roll calls to the community members who were most generous. A special thanks to the Protective League, Police Relief, LAPRAAC and the Parker Foundation, who helped us get there and exceed our fund-raising goal and enabled us to do this ride and contribute to a very worthwhile cause that honors our fallen brothers and sisters who died in the line of duty. Yes, we truly are a family.

While this year's ride was difficult, if you ask any of the riders listed above you will find they all had fun and have a great sense of accomplishment and contribution to a great cause. If you are interested in participating in the Police Unity Tour next year, please contact Craig White at (818) 802-1382 or KLEWHITE@PACBELL.NET. ♦

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Poet's Corner

A COP STORY

by Officer Douglas Klinzing, Harbor Division

As I dress, I breathe and pray.
Will I make proud, my God today?
Of the future, this I know,
Someone will call, and I will go.

A chill, some stars, a quiet night,
In 15 minutes you fight for your life.
You get settled in and gas
up your car.

In five minutes you'll
leave the station.

Two more months and then vacation.

The radio chirps for another in blue,
But it's in your area, so you
have them send it to you.
You could stop on the way, and
maybe use the phone.
To make one last call to
your wife who's alone.
Soon you'll be facing a
problem unknown.
Or perhaps get some coffee,
it's cold and you're tired.
In all likelihood the suspect is wired.

They called for their roommate
who's talking of death
Now locked in the bathroom
pretending she's deaf.
We stop and we listen,
"just five minutes more,"
she says to her roommate
outside of the door.

And time seems to slow
I take it all in.
The light is burned out
The hallway is dim.
The water is running from
inside the room
the voice from inside
is talking of doom.
A puddle is forming from
under the door.
Then it turns pink.
Time waits no more.

I make my decision,
then kick the door in.
My partner behind me, calling it in.

The walls are all covered
with feces and blood,
pieces of scalp, fluid and crud.
Dirty and bloody behind the door
a knife in her throat,
she wanted no more.

I told her to stop and
she started to cut,
so I grabbed for the knife and she
held it straight up.
The blood ran down thick and red,
she pulled back her chin.
I could see through her head.

Holding on to her wrist,
we fought for the knife
we went to the ground
in a fight for her life.
First aid is attempted against her will.
She kicks and screams and tries to kill.

How to tell of real life horror
the sounds of wet screams from
inside her throat
how flesh splattered out
on my uniform coat.
Covered in blood from a naked
bloody mess.
Just five short minutes.
Then help arrives.
Police hold her down,
Paramedics keep her alive.

She sits today in a hospital bed
until the drugs all wear off,
and she's clear in the head.
She didn't want help.
She hates the police.
Last week she was protesting
out in the streets.

For the officer who saved
her that day,
I put on my outfit,
I breathe, and I pray,
Will I make proud my God today?

Of the future,
Only this I know.
Someone will call and I will go. ♦

No Fear

As you lay in bed sound asleep, Daddy's at work patrolling the streets. Dark, cold and sometimes rain, a citizen's cry won't go in vain. As the night goes by, I think of you, my beautiful family, I'll be home soon. We meet with citizens both good and bad, who judge me by my shiny badge. Corrupt police is what we hear in people's whispers as we near.

The same people who whispered are shaking with fear. We've just been robbed at gunpoint, right here! Officers please stop that man, our two-month-old is in the back of that van!

We notify dispatch we are in pursuit, of a kidnap suspect that is on the loose. A little Angel is in harm's way. How could someone do this is all I say.

The van stops, it's out of gas. The suspect's got a gun, we better act fast! With the baby in one hand and gun in the other, I yell to my partner we need some cover! As bullets rang by, I let out a cry, "If we fail to do this, that baby will die!" One fatal shot is all it took, to save that little Angel from this here crook.

The citizen's whispers have turned to cheers, "God bless that officer who died with no fear."

Before the ambulance could take me away, I turned to my partner and asked him to say: My beautiful family, I love you so dear. If I could change anything, I'd still be here. I gave my life so an Angel could bloom. I wasn't as selfish as people assumed. Corrupt police is what we hear, but we're always there when fear is near...

Dedicated to the men and women who have given their lives to save others. God bless you, and I'll see you in Heaven.

— Eddie Zavala, #33760, LAPD Family

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Five Star Earns Certified Program Honor

Take a great program — the Chrysler Group's Certified Pre-Owned Vehicle Program — and add the corporation's top-notch dealers — Five Star dealers. The result is a program that, although in its infancy, is already winning consumer recognition.

"We're proud to have been named the best domestic certified pre-owned vehicle program in America* by IntelliChoice," said Ray Fisher, DaimlerChrysler Vice President, Fleet and Remarketing. "It validates our decision to offer the best pre-owned vehicles through the best dealers in the Chrysler Group family. That result is a win-win situation for our customers."

Fisher was referring to a September 2002 review of 23 manufacturer programs by IntelliChoice — an automotive information provider. The company also ranked the Chrysler

Group's certified pre-owned vehicle program the second-best overall non-luxury certified program in America, ahead of such companies as Toyota, Saturn, Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, GMC and Volkswagen.

"To be ranked above companies that have been selling certified pre-owned vehicles for quite some time clearly shows we did our homework prior to launching this program. We made sure it contains all of the elements that today's customers want from a certified pre-owned vehicle program," Fisher added.

Available exclusively via Five Star dealers, Chrysler, Jeep, and Dodge Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles are a great value for anyone looking for a high-quality, thoroughly inspected vehicle.

"We're very selective about who can become



a Five Star dealer. We're just as discriminating about which vehicles can be considered candidates for our certification. In fact, it's limited to late-model vehicles in excellent condition. If the vehicle is over five model years old or has over 65,000 miles, it's immediately excluded, as is any vehicle without a clean history or title," Fisher added.

Once these vehicles pass the qualification standards, they undergo a rigorous 125-point inspection that focuses

on the mechanical, safety and appearance elements of the vehicle.

"Customers expect us to look at those critical elements. However, even such mundane items as a missing spare key or Owner's Manual will be enough to cause us to not certify a vehicle," Fisher explained.

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Certified Pre-Owned Vehicle customers may also purchase one of three warranty upgrades: Added Care, Added Care Plus or Maximum Care for maximum component coverage.

"Making this program exclusive to our Five Star dealers ensures our customers are receiving the absolute best customer treatment. I'm really happy to see an independent outfit like IntelliChoice recognized the hard work of all the folks that helped put our program together. We will strive to make the program even better next year," Fisher concluded.

*IntelliChoice® Inc. (www.intellichoice.com) September 2002 review of 23 manufacturer programs. Domestic brands are both originated and based in the United States.

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[†]Administered by Cross Country Motor Club, Inc., Medford, MA 02155. You must call 1-800-521-2779 for prior authorization to receive these benefits. [‡]Rental car coverage only if repairs take vehicle out of service more than one day.

[§]IntelliChoice rated DaimlerChrysler's Certified Program for Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge among the best non-luxury pre-owned programs in America, ahead of Ford, Mercury, Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Saturn, Toyota, Volkswagen and Hyundai.

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Real Estate Guide by TIFFINI R. HUGHES



Your response to the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and Real Estate Services has been tremendous. LAPD/LAPRAAC members, families and friends who have bought or sold a home using the program have saved money and raved about the cash rebates. I would like to thank everyone for the complimentary letters and e-mails expressing your money-saving experiences with the program. Our super competitive loan rates, free credit check and flat lender fees have made the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program a winner. The negotiating power of a large organization (LAPD/LAPRAAC) creates these cash rebates and incentives.

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Thank you for your trust and confidence in the LAPRAAC Home Loan Program and each month I hope to give you more insight and knowledge to help fulfill your dreams and goals in the real estate market.

About the author:

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RECRUITMENT NEWS

LAPD Lateral Entry Program Reinstated

by Janeshia Robinson

In early June, Chief Bratton announced that the Los Angeles Police Department has reestablished its lateral entry program for qualified California POST-certified police officers.

What Does This Mean to You?
All city employees, including LAPD officers, are now eligible to receive a \$500 bonus for each person they recruit and who is subsequently hired through the lateral entry program. *Yes! \$500 bonus for getting other officers to come on to the LAPD!*

So, not only can you earn \$500 for those you recruit from church, family, sports teams and other jobs, those colleagues and acquaintances you may have from other law enforcement agencies, can now earn you \$500 if they get on to the LAPD. Now there is even greater incentive to encourage those people that you have always thought would make great LAPD officers.

Lateral hire candidates must submit a completed candidate/recruiter information card when they go in for the oral interview. Usually, candidates submit this form at the written test. However, since lateral candidates are not required to take the written test, the procedure has been slightly modified. Candidate/recruiter information cards are readily available at all LAPD stations and the city of Los Angeles personnel building.

Recruiting police officers for the city of Los Angeles should always be a priority. As one officer put it, “Los Angeles is a uniquely diverse city that is continuously growing. That being the case, there is always a need for quality individuals to become police officers in order to protect and to serve the community and maintain a safe working and living environment for the individuals that make up this community.”

Now, qualified police officers from other California police agencies can join the Los Angeles Police Department without going through the entire academy training academy. Eligible candidates are exempt from the qualifying written examination, but must complete all other LAPD test parts. The abbreviated academy will be offered to those candidates that pass all relevant test parts and meet all of the requirements for entry-level Los Angeles Police Officer. Eligible candidates must also possess a valid California Basic POST Certificate and have successfully completed a probationary period with a California police agency.

Police officers that join the Los Angeles Police Department through the Lateral Entry Program will receive the same starting salary as those candidates coming in traditionally—\$46,771 to \$66,273, depending on experience and education. Likewise, lateral hires are eligible for the same perks and benefits. The LAPD offers all its officers a flexible work schedule, a wide variety of assignments, ample promotional opportunity, excellent health, dental and vision coverage, generous sick leave, vacation time, paid holidays and a complete pension plan.

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Death Valley Motorcycle Ride

by Ron Granados

On May 1, 2003, the 14th annual Los Angeles to Death Valley motorcycle ride left Devonshire Station enroute to the Furnace Creek Ranch in the Death Valley National Park. The four-day ride, which is organized by Sgt. II Joe Priebe, OIC ND K-9 Squad, has grown from ten riders in 1990 to over 110 riders this year. On hand to see the group off was Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Chief of Operations, Commander Panaccia, Commanding Officer Devonshire Area, Captain Jim Voge, Commanding Officer Narcotics Division and Captain Curreri, Devonshire Patrol Commanding Officer. Several Police and Fire Departments were represented at the event, including LAPD, LAFD, LASD, LACoFD, CHP, Ventura County Sheriff & Fire Departments, Culver City, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Simi Valley and L.A. DWP. ND personnel who participated were Sgt. Joe Priebe, Det. II J. R. Rodriguez, Logistics Detail, CT Cindy Rodriguez, Major Enforcement Section, PIII Armando Sandoval, K-9 Squad and Det. Dave Lambert (Ret.).

Other Department riders were Capt. Brad Merritt from PRD, Det. III John Iancin from IAD, Sgt. Dennis Quiles from TD, Officer Larry Chamberlain from ASD, Officer Bob Alvarez from LAX Bomb Detection K-9, Ben Lee, Joe Barnes & Bob Hamilton from VTD, Officer Becky Smalling from Juvenile Division and Officer Billy Smalling (Ret.). The event draws riders from outside the L.A. area also. The newly out-of-state retired Det. III Steve Bernard and Wayne Carson rode in from Arizona. But those that traveled farthest were riders Tom Steen, Rick Harding,

and Rick Coston of Ontario, Canada, who flew to L.A. and had their bikes shipped down just for the ride.

Special thanks goes out to Sgt. Mo "Wingman" Angel, LASD, who helped lead the ride and set the pace. Officer Neal Gold, Culver City P.D., who rode the only rice fueled "rocket" bike capable of such a job, acted as the "scout" and monitored the group's progress from back to front to ensure that the entire group was together for the trip.

The group left Devonshire station at 8:00 a.m. and thundered its way up Reseda to the 118 Freeway. After a 60-mile ride, the first scheduled stop was the CHP station in Lancaster where several riders joined the group. Another 70 or so miles up the 14 Freeway found us at our lunch stop, the Opera House in the high desert town of Randsberg, Calif. After lunch, the travel route took the group through the town of Trona where the riders topped off their gas tanks one last time. The final leg of the trip took the group to the "summit" where the column paused to take in the breathtaking view of the snow-topped mountains of the Sierras before descending into Death Valley. The first night at Furnace Creek included a barbecued tri-tip, chili, homemade cole slaw, and all the trimmings. Tim Ruddell, LACoFD, honored us with his cooking skills and was generous enough to provide his barbecue trailer for the event.

While the L.A. area received over an inch of rain that weekend, not a drop of rain reached Death Valley. With the excellent weather, the riders experienced blue skies and dry pavement.

The accommodations at the Furnace Creek Ranch were top notch as usual. During the stay, some riders preferred

relaxing in the sun at the resort while others broke off in group to take day rides to locations such as Scotty's Castle, Pahrump, Las Vegas, Panamint Springs, and Beatty.

Sunday's ride home proved to be challenging due to the high winds that

whipped through the high desert in the wake of the storm system that had just moved through Southern California. But the group rode through it without incident. In the end, everyone had a great time and this year's ride turned out to be a great success. ♦



IAATI

51st Annual Training Seminar



IAATI 51 Annual Training Seminar on Fraudulent DMV Documents

On Friday, August 8, 2003, from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m., the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) will present a training class by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. DMV investigating Supervisor Stephanie Wheaton will instruct on detecting fraudulent DMV documents. Investigator Wheaton will lecture on the California driver's license and registration documents currently in use. Wheaton will also discuss methods used to detect fraudulent documents. The problem of identity theft is growing and all detectives and field officers will learn security features of the California DMV documents we use daily to identify people. Wheaton is an interesting and informative speaker and her handout material has proven invaluable.

Although the conference is only open to auto theft investigators who

are members of IAATI, this class will be open to any law enforcement officer who wishes to attend. Law enforcement identification will be required for admission and an RSVP is a must. Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

The class will be held at the Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills in the Grand Ballroom. Please RSVP by e-mail to 20626@lapd.lacity.org. Please include your name and agency. For additional information, contact Det. Lou Koven, Los Angeles Police Department at (213) 485-2507.

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Mind-Body Basics

The Mind-Body Connection refers to the relationship between mind and body that can bring about healing and maintain wellness. Its popularity is growing among the medical community as well as the public because it appears to be working!

A few notable examples:

- Mind-Body practices have been analyzed in thousands of drug studies; they are now acknowledged by traditional medical research to be real and powerful.
- Patients who participated in a 6-hour stress management program after suffering a heart attack showed a 50% reduction in cardiac deaths.
- A study of 2,000 regular practitioners of meditation found they had 55%

fewer doctor office visits for tumors, 87% fewer visits for heart disease, and 30% fewer visits for infectious diseases than other groups.

- Patients who took an eight-week training course learned how to lower their blood pressure with relaxation techniques, and a three-year follow-up showed participants had maintained their improved condition.

What is Mind-Body medicine? Generally, it's a group of non-traditional medical practices that involve your physical health and your psychological, spiritual, and emotional parts, capitalizing on the powerful interaction between all these elements to create and maintain both physical and mental/emotional health. The most common Mind-Body practices include:

- Meditation and spiritual exercises
- Relaxation through breathing and guided imagery
- Nutritional and lifestyle changes
- Acupuncture
- Yoga, Qigong and similar practices
- Laughter (yes, seriously)

Much of the Mind-Body medicine that's studied and reported focuses on one of two goals: contributing to recovery from serious illnesses such as cancer and heart disease, and counteracting the effects of modern day stress on mind, spirit, and body.

Serious illness: Mind-Body practitioners believe that drug and surgical intervention can be enhanced through the use of one or more of the techniques listed

above. However, they are careful to point out that Mind-Body techniques can contribute to clinical improvements—relief from the side-effects of traditional medicine, improvement in symptoms, and a healthier emotional state—even in cases where it is not possible to bring about medical improvements. That is, reduction or halting of the patient's medical disease.

Stress: The Mind-Body approach teaches that stress can significantly weaken your body's immune system. It also teaches that a more balanced way of coping with life stressors involves the appropriate expression of all emotions and the ability to meet one's own needs while responding to those of others. Mind-Body techniques work by restoring and strengthening your immune system, your stamina, and other defenses that stress can damage and destroy.

If stress or illness are playing a negative role in your life, you may want to take a serious look at all that Mind-Body has to offer. Here are some additional points to consider:

- Mind-Body techniques make up a complementary form of medicine, meant to be used in conjunction with (not instead of) traditional western medicine.
- Many Mind-Body techniques are quite simple, but they need to be practiced regularly and sustained over a lasting period of time.

And remember, you don't have to

practice all the techniques you read or hear about. Working in the one or two areas you are most open to and comfortable with can yield significant benefits.

A word of caution, however: this field is not regulated as rigidly as traditional medical science and there is ample opportunity for the greedy or dishonest to take advantage of more relaxed consumer standards for products and services. A little healthy skepticism may come in handy and the farther off the beaten path your explorations take you, the more you may want to do some homework to be sure the practice you're considering is legitimate.

Want more information? Contact: Center for Mind-Body Medicine - www.cmbm.org.

Alternative Health New Online - www.altmedicine.com

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2003 Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament "Thanks For Your Support"

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by Alan J. Atkins
Executive Director
Los Angeles Police
Memorial Foundation

I would like to thank everyone who supported the recently concluded Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament. The tournament netted approximately \$240,000 that will be used to offset the

\$500,000 in annual grants to officers and their immediate family during times of catastrophic circumstances. This year, Kelsey Grammer, television's "Frasier," donated \$100,000 in support of the LAPD family. THANK YOU, KELSEY! My best wish for you and your family is that you will never need the Memorial Foundation's assistance. However, experience shows that

100 to 125 Department families per year will experience the type of serious circumstances that the Memorial Foundation becomes involved. Your continued support of the Memorial Foundation and your fellow officers is vital.



Joe Mantegna sizing up a putt.



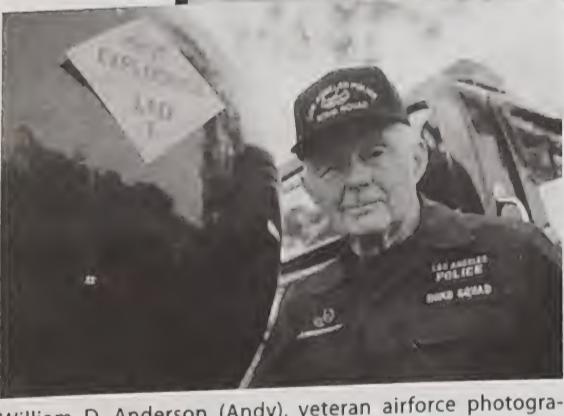
K-9 makes a friend.



Tommy Lee had Mario Machado laughing hard while trying to perform his interview before Tommy Lee went off to tee.



Jamie White disappointed after missing on the putting green.



William D. Anderson (Andy), veteran airforce photographer member of the bomb squad and 55 yr member of the LAPD in front of the bomb squad truck.



Officer Don Lint, Mike Hodapp and James Quiones watching play with R. Lee Ermey.



Kenny G., Officer Joe Buscaino and Cynthia Schneider in relaxed conversation before the event.



Joe Millionaire.



Craig T. Nelson.



Chief Bratton welcomes guests and celebrity players.



LAPD Mounted Unit.



Host Kelsey Grammer leads the way.



Group 3a celebrates after sinking a ball on the 9th green.

Daughter Donna Hall and Mother Margaret Daniels have been attending the Police Memorial Fund's Celebrity Golf Tournament for 30 of the past thirty years, the two are diehard Chad Everett fans – a good example of how star power helps to raise money for worthwhile causes.



Instructions at the start.



A busy day for autographs.



Power Ranger Scores.

Los Angeles Police Historical Society "Behind the Badge: The LAPD Experience" Museum & Community Education Center

by C. David Dalton
Executive Director

Community Partnerships

An integral component of the mission of the Los Angeles Police Historical Society (LAPHS) is "to enhance public safety by building a bridge of understanding and support between our community and its police department (LAPD)." Over the past 15 months, LAPHS has endeavored in profound ways to forge meaningful partnerships with individuals and community organizations to engender mutual support and understanding. As a result of the focused efforts of a dedicated staff and board of directors, 18 community groups not utilize the LAPD Museum and Community Education Center to conduct meetings and hold special events. Additionally, LAPHS has hosted or co-hosted 25 community-oriented events on-site and participated in 17 events off-site in support of mutual goals.

Following are some recent examples. On Saturday, June 28, LAPHS joined with Jackson Federal Bank, the Highland Park Kiwanis Club, Arroyo Vista Medical Group, Councilmembers Ed Reyes and Nick Pacheco, and Adrian Sanchez, DDS, in sponsoring an all-day Children's Health Fair at the LAPD Community Education Center. Over 600 people attended; 412 children received free medical, dental, vision and chiropractic exams. Also included were facility tours, photos with historic police vehicles, an air-bouncer, clowns, face-painting, balloons, refreshments and fingerprinting/photo I.D. services. Numerous educational exhibits and raffles completed the festive but informative gathering.

Due to LAPHS' leadership and the full cooperation and support of countless groups and individuals, one of the largest (30'x50'), boldest, most beautiful American flags anywhere in the United States now proudly graces the 100-foot flagpole at Veteran's Memorial Square at Figueroa Street and York Blvd. in Highland Park. At LAPHS' urging, the Northeast Patriotic Committee was formed—a true coalition of community and civic organizations, city government and private individuals. Several months

of meetings and fund-raising ensued. The fruits of these dedicated efforts were realized on Memorial Day when LAPHS, American Legion Police Post 381 and Post 206, Councilmember Ed Reyes, Councilmember-elect Antonio Villaraigosa, and a host of clergy, senior citizens, several veterans groups, representatives of every branch of our armed services and several hundred members of the community joined in celebration and remembrance of those who serve our country in harm's way and have paid the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. When that BIG American flag was raised (and it took 12 people to carry and raise it!), there was an audible gasp in the crowd and not a dry eye in sight. What a stirring, memorable moment! It made you proud to be an American!

Art Behind Bars

(contributed by Valerie Vera)

The Arroyo Arts Collective, a community-based organization of artists from the Northeast Los Angeles area in concert with LAPHS, is presenting an installation art exhibit, "Without Alarm III," at the Los Angeles Police Museum and Community Education Center from July 19 to August 30. Displays feature many different artistic mediums, including video and 3-D objects.

"The overall theme of the show is both personal and external safety, personal boundaries, violence, and the repercussions of it. There are political and social overtones, mostly to make people think," said Heather Hoggan, co-president of the Arroyo Arts Collective.

The art will be installed in the former jail cells at the museum as well as the open spaces on the first floor. The six weeks dedicated to the exhibit will give people in the community an opportunity to get involved. "One of the best things the LAPHS has given us is this amount of time. This allows teachers to bring their classrooms through," said Hoggan.

The exhibit is free to the public. Artists will be available to answer questions at an opening reception on Saturday, July 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Now in its third year, "Without Alarm" was previously exhibited at the old Lincoln Heights Jail and featured over 100 local artists.

"Without Alarm III" can be viewed Thursdays (noon to 9:00 p.m.), Fridays (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), and Saturdays (noon to 5:00 p.m.). For more information, call (323) 850-8566 or visit www.arroyoartscollective.org.

Tenth Annual Jack Webb Awards

LAPHS hosted the Tenth Annual Jack Webb Awards dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel on Saturday, June 21. This special award was created by LAPHS to honor individuals for their significant contributions in support of LAPD. It embodies the essence of what's right and good about our Department—integrity, loyalty, service beyond self, courage, dedication, leadership, generosity and steadfast commitment to values and ideals that leave our community a better place. Jack Webb epitomized these qualities through his portrayal of LAPD Sgt. Joe Friday in the long-running, true-to-life series "Dragnet." Honorees at this year's highly successful event included Ms. Paula Kent McChan, President, KenQuest, Inc. (a long-time LAPD supporter and member of LAPHS' Board of Governors); Mr. Dick Wolf, producer of "Law & Order" and the recently revived "Dragnet" series; Det. John O'Toole, Valley Traffic Division; and Secretary III Mary Helen Ayala, Office of the Chief of Police. In a departure from past

practice, the LAPHS Board of Directors enacted a new policy this year of including honorees from within the sworn and civilian ranks of LAPD. By unanimous vote, O'Toole and Ayala were selected for one simple reason: they're the best of best! Congratulations to all of our honorees, and thanks to each of you who supported this very important event on behalf of LAPHS.

Membership Outreach

Memberships are the life blood of LAPHS. For a nominal donation of \$2 per pay period (\$48 annual membership), you play a vital role in ensuring LAPHS' operational viability. A bi-monthly newsletter, the "Hotsheet," was inaugurated on June 1st for our members. "The Link" magazine was revived in July, and our now-famous "Hey Dave!" feedback cards have been implemented, all to better our ability to communicate with our members. Join today! Call us at (323) 344-9445 or visit our brand new Web site at www.laphs.com for additional information about current and past events, membership, volunteer opportunities, or to shop online. And don't forget to visit us at 6045 York Blvd., Highland Park. We're open to the public every Friday; members are welcome anytime during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ♦



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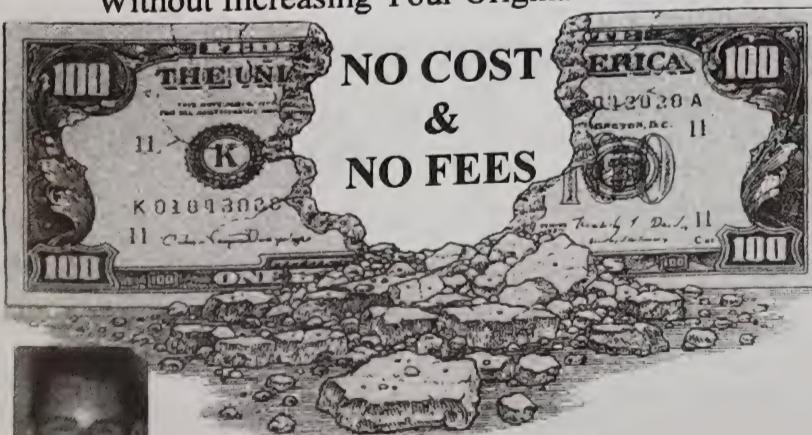
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Commander's Message

The Post's annual pre-State Convention "steak fry" was held on the hallowed grounds of the Police Academy on June 17, 2003. The turnout was the best I've seen in the past few years. The



Past Cmdr Gail Tam, Ret.; 4th Area Cmdr Tom Walsh, and Cmdr L.A. County Council relaxing in the Post's hospitality room at the Mission Inn, Riverside, Calif.



Cmdr Dennis DeNoi, 2nd Vice J.J. Leonard, and Sgt-at-Arms Rick Leiphardt.



Cmdr Dennis DeNoi and First Lady Cheryl DeNoi.

weather was great, and a good time was had by all. There were more than a few war stories told, and we even managed to come up with solutions to a few of the current world problems. Our comrades started arriving at around 4:00 p.m., and

we held a short meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen comrades and the brave men and women that have given their all for this great nation. We also recognized those with family members and friends serving on active duty.

As you know, there is a large time-lapse between events and the publishing of these articles. (Articles must be in one month prior to printing. Example: In by July 6th printed for and mailed in August.) The outgoing Commander Richard Ledesma gave some parting words of wisdom and as the new commander, I was asked to give my thoughts for the upcoming year. As I looked out at the assembled group, I must tell you, I felt humbled by the life experiences of this distinguished congregation. I pledged to do my best to make our meetings fun and as exciting as possible. I also hope to convince our newer and younger comrades to join us at future meetings. As I develop in my new LAPD

assignment as the Military Liaison Officer, I hope to recruit the returning veterans and encourage them to attend our different Post functions. We would enjoy hearing how modern-day wars are fought, and would like the opportunity to welcome them home and thank

them Division. This month as in most months, we signed up 100 percent of the new recruit class. The following officers are the best Class 06-03B has to offer: Demerius J. Henry, U.S. Army; Robert L. Longdon, U.S. Army; Armando H. Hagana III, USMC; Mario L. Marquez, U.S. Air Force; Gabriel E. Martinez, U.S. Army; and Matthew R. Woods, USMC.

In closing, I ask that you keep reading the Veteran's Corner and see if we are able to come up with anything that interests you. Semper Fi, Dennis De Noi

Restored '58 Chevy Del Rey LAPD Police Car

This vehicle, owned by the Los Angeles Police Museum, has been reserved for Saturday, September 6, 2003, for another wedding! Do not miss the boat! If you are planning on getting married and want it to stand out, then you have to have the '58 Chevy. Reserve it now. I would hate to think you missed out on it just because you procrastinated! Contact J.J. at the museum (323) 344-9445 for all the details. This will be the third wedding it will be in.

Where Do They Get Young Men Like This?

Possibly activated LAPD officers?? April 2, 2003, Martin Savidge of CNN embedded with a U.S. Marine Infantry battalion, was talking with four young



From left to right: Retired LAPD Bugler Bob Fritz, 2nd Vice J.J. Leonard and Past Cmdr Richard Ledesma.

them for their service. I hope you enjoy the accompanying photos of the American Legion State Convention in Riverside and the steak fry at the Police Academy.

If you are an Honorable Discharged United States Veteran who is eligible for membership in our Legion, we would love to have you join us and share in our camaraderie. You must be an employee of the LAPD or the relative of an LAPD employee that is currently a member of our Police Post. If you have any questions about joining our Post, please contact myself or the Post Adjutant, Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271 or any of our members.

I want to recognize several new members to our post. First I want to welcome my father-in-law, Jerry Tucker. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps back in the days of the Cuban Missile Crisis; also Officer Edward P. Maciel, Jr., USMC, of Cen-

Marines near his foxhole this morning live on CNN. He had been telling the story of how well the Marines had been looking out for and taking care of him since the war started. He went on to tell about the many hardships the Marines had endured since the war began and how they all look after one another.

He turned to the four and said he cleared it with their commanders and they could use his video phone to call home. The 19-year-old Marine next to him asked Martin if he would allow his platoon sergeant to use his call to call his pregnant wife back home whom he had not been able to talk to in three months. A stunned Savidge who was visibly moved by the request nodded his head and the young Marine ran off to get the sergeant.

Savidge recovered after a few seconds and turned back to the three young Marines still sitting with him and asked which of them would like to call home

first. The Marine closest to him responded without a moment's hesitation, "Sir, if it's all the same to you, we would like to call the parents of a buddy of ours, Lance Corporal Brian Buesing of Cedar Key, Florida, who was killed on March 23, 2003, near Nasiriyah to see how they are doing."

At that, Martin Savidge totally broke down and was unable to speak. All he could get out before signing off was "Where do they get young men like this?"

Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team

The team just performed in the Sunland-Tujunga 4th of July parade. Once again, if you haven't seen them perform, grab your kids and spouse and go out and watch them and support them! God bless America! (We'll have the next parade info printed as soon as we get it.)

Special Days in August

August 2nd, Saturday, Choir Boy Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Meeting. Contact J.J. for location.

August 13th, Wednesday, Los Angeles Police Emerald Society, 7:00 p.m., LAPD Academy.

August 15th, Friday, LAPD Motor School Graduation.

August 15th, Friday, Comrade Motor Sergeant John Amott, "the voice of the valley" retires 30+.

August 19th, Tuesday, American Legion, Police Post 381 monthly meeting.

August 28th, Thursday, Motor Drill Team Officer Joanna Needham's birthday! Happy Birthday!

The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be August 19, 2003 at Panorama Post 817, "our home away from home," 13553 Reedley Ave., Panorama City, (818) 781-2261. The normal \$5 for dinner will be requested, BUT we will have a new cook, or should I say an old cook is returning? Anyway, remember Joe Albright? He has promised to cook for the coming year.

For information on the meeting, please call our new Commander Dennis De Noi, or maybe the First Lady Cheryl De Noi at (626) 824-5582, or Adjutant Frank Ortiz at (626) 331-4271. For anything else, call J.J. at (818) 992-1414, even if only for someone to talk to. I'll listen!

If you have moved, please inform us of your new address! If you are retired, are your dues still being deducted?

California American Legion Police Post 381 New Officers

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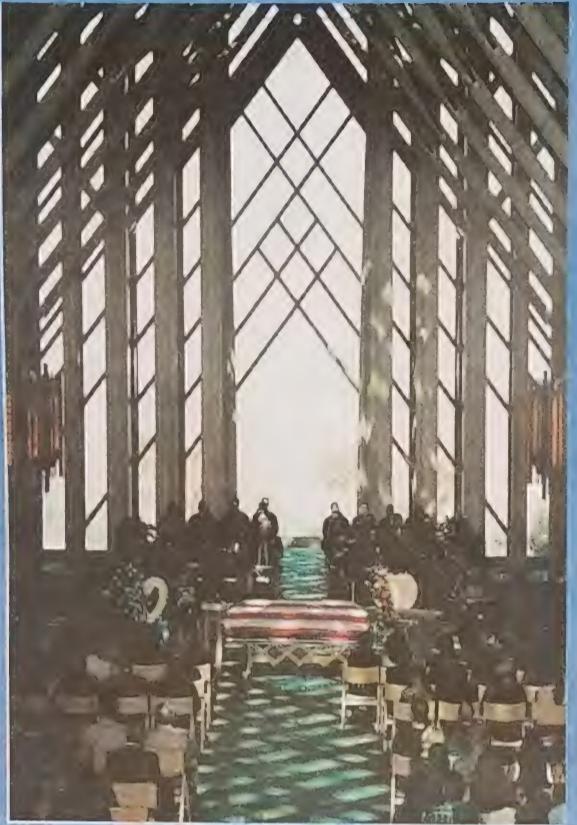
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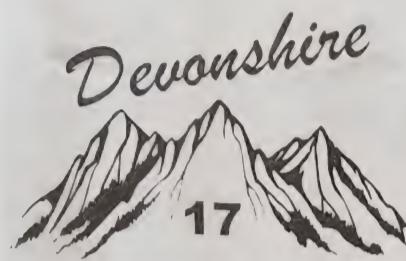
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by Sgt. Rudy Santos
Devonshire Division

A Strong Show of Community Support

On May 31st, Devonshire Division's police booster group, SOLID (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire), held its annual Pancake Breakfast event. This event raises funds for items that help various Devonshire Division entities. Items bought by SOLID are cameras for detectives and patrol, copiers and fax machines, canopies and chairs, weight training equipment that makes the Devonshire Station gym one of the best in the city, and other items that help officers and detectives better serve the public. SOLID even equipped all of our 870 shotguns with the latest tactical shotgun lights from SureFire. This alone has greatly helped our patrol officers gain a



Captain Curreri.

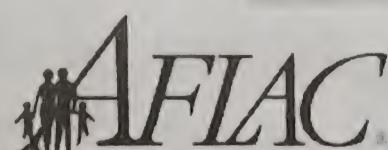
tactical edge during night operations and building searches. Devonshire has strong community support. This, of course, is due to the high quality of service given to the public by the great officers that make up Devonshire. If that weren't enough, one of our own, Reserve Officer Greig Smith, was recently elected to the Los Angeles City Council. Councilman Smith has always been one of our most active reserve officers. He has worked numerous community events as well as having put time in patrol duties on the streets of



Greg Smith and Commander Paniccia.

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Devonshire. Councilman Smith attended the Pancake Breakfast and worked right next to our Area Commanding Officer, Commander **Valentino Paniccia**. Both can be seen in the accompanying picture. Also there was the Area Patrol Commanding Officer, Captain **John Sherman**, and the Commanding Officer of Devonshire Detective operations, Captain **Joseph Curreri**. Due to his continuous heavy-weight training, Capt. Curreri constantly flipped pancakes into the tree branches above him. He is seen in the photo cooking up a storm. So there you have it. Number one in the quality of officers that make up Devonshire patrol, some of the best detectives in the city, and...

Devonshire Explorers Take First Place Overall

On June 21, 22, and 23, Devonshire Explorer SETT (Special Explorer Tactical Team) responded to Tucson, Arizona, to compete in the 2003 United States Border Patrol Tucson Explorer Competition. This competition involved sports but focused mainly on tactical situations that law enforcement personnel encounter in the course of their field duties. There were teams from almost all

Devonshire Explorer team, they were awarded the 1st Place Overall trophy. The scenarios were made so that they were worst-case situations of already a bad tactical one.

The building search was held in a studio mineshaft that was dark and held many hiding places for suspects. Two Explorers were shot during the exercise and the other two remaining had to perform officer rescues as well as find the suspects and engage them in a fire-fight. In the felony car stop, our Explorers had full control of the situation and did everything LAPD style, thus easily winning this exercise. The hostage negotiation phase involved a hijacked bus with an armed suspect holding hostages on board. In typical LAPD/Devonshire Explorer style, negotiations continued until the suspect made the mistake of executing a hostage. Then, while our negotiator was still talking, three other Explorers raided the bus with such speed that they managed to shoot and neutralize the suspect and save the rest of the hostages. The bomb threat phase was easily and calmly done in such a way that the officers from other departments grading the incident thought they



Explorers

of the Border Patrol field stations, other law enforcement agencies, as well as from the LAPD. Devonshire Explorers arrived to the competition to win. The first day at the location, the Tucson Movie Studios, Devonshire marched in formation and did so everywhere they went. It was nice to see that soon after, some of the other Explorer teams began copying our Explorers by also marching in formation. Preparation for the competition was demanding. YSO Officer **Sidney "Whaat?" Gonzalez** and Explorer Advisor, Officer **George "I'm still an Explorer" Stan**, taught everything related to field tactics to our young Explorers. Our other YSO, Officer **Ingrid "Sarah Conner" Langrehr**, focused on logistics and extra tactics training with the female Explorers of the team. As a result of countless hours of tactical preparation, Devonshire Explorers came out on top. Four 1st place trophies were won for the building search, felony car stop, hostage negotiation, and bomb threat scenarios. One 2nd place trophy was won for the marijuana field raid scenario. Due to the overall tactical superiority of the

were dealing with experienced officers. In the marijuana field raid, our Explorers found all the booby traps and even with one Explorer wounded during the scenario gunfight, Devonshire managed to shoot the sniper and apprehend the three other suspects. I went along with the Explorer team per a new rule from Juvenile Division. I personally saw Devonshire Explorers perform as if they were professional officers and witnessed firsthand the result of the hard work Officers Gonzalez, Stan, and Langrehr have done to make the Devonshire Explorer tactical team not only the best in the city, but quite possibly in the nation. In the picture we see the best of the best. Standing from left to right is Officer Sidney Gonzalez, Explorer Corporal **Juan Sirri**, Explorer **Anna Aldana**, Explorer Captain **Jerry Maestas**, Explorer **Nancy Lopez**, Explorer Corporal **Petra Perez**, Officer George Stan, and Officer Ingrid Langrehr. Kneeling on the left we have Explorer Corporal **Julian Quinonez**, and on the right, Explorer Lt. **Kenny Vialalta**.

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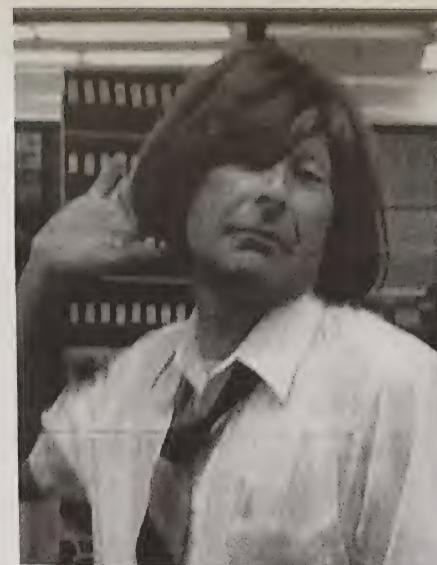
West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West Los Angeles Division

Bird, bird, the bird is the word. Actually, the word is BEACH. Don't forget to attend the West L.A. beach party headed up this year by the one-and-only Sgt. **Craig Lally**. He promised that there would be good food and great prizes, including a monster-sized TV! Don't miss out on all the fun.

A few people will be coming and going this month as usual. **Carlos Llamas** left the J-car to head for Pacific, but we think he'll be back. Lt. **Matt Blake** has been promoted to L2 and will be at PSB. **C. Rheault** has been promoted to D1 and will be arriving from Hollywood, and **J. Eisenberg** will be a lieutenant arriving from Wilshire. P3s **L. Friedlander** and **D. Kort** will be arriving from Wilshire and new P1 rookies include **A. Gomez** and **N. Williams**. Congratulations, good luck, and welcome to West Latte.

When I arrived for my 0700 start time the other day, **Lance Nielsen** and his partner **Dana Binion** were just writing up a 211 report for home invasion robbers that were caught in the act. Binion and Nielsen were driving unmarked, non-emergency equipped LAPD vehicles and were conducting surveillance as there had been a rash of 211s in the



WLA Mystery Cop photo of the month.

Palisades-Brentwood area. It will be interesting to see if they stop now that two suspects have been apprehended. As it stands now, a group of young guys were having a little party at their house when the suspects broke in. One of the children was able to run out of the room and yelled to his father that they were being robbed. The radio call came out as a 459 in progress. Nielsen ran into the rear yard and observed one of the suspects coming out of the rear door. The suspect ignored Nielsen's command to get down on the ground. The suspect reentered the residence and placed a white towel and dark object on top of the stove. (This later turned out to be a blue steel semi auto handgun and a pair of white socks.) The officer caught up with the suspect as he headed towards the front door. The suspect was detained without incident. A perimeter was established for an outstanding suspect. The

air unit and K-9 officers arrived to assist with the search. Meanwhile, several males came running out of the residence and identified themselves as victims, some of whom still had duct tape on their wrists. One victim, upon seeing the suspects, shouted, "That's the guy, that's the — —!" The suspects had originally approached the victims who were outside on the front porch and asked them what kind of house it was. Suspect one then removed a handgun from under his jacket and ordered everyone to the ground. Their hands were duct taped behind their backs, and the suspects went through their pockets demanding money. The suspects also demanded that the victim show them where his father was. The suspects said that someone would be killed if they didn't come up with the money they wanted. They were told that the father was sleeping. They demanded keys to a Dodge truck and wanted one of the vic-

tims to drive. Sirens were heard, which caused one of the suspects to turn out the lights. He was heard to say, "Navy SEALs don't like light." The perimeter that was established resulted in the capture of the second suspect who had fled via a bathroom window when he heard the sirens approaching and the commotion inside the house.

Because of the recent rash of home invasion robberies, Binion and Nielsen were able to respond within about a minute or so after receiving the radio call as they had already set up surveillance on the area. Officers **Pak** and **Acosta** also responded and can testify to the recovery of evidence and the fact that they, too, observed suspect one inside the house. What a great job done by all four! Thank God no one was killed as had been threatened by the suspects. Hopefully this will be the end to the reign of WLA robberies. ♦



by Ron Garnados
Narcotics Division

There a lot of catch this month including a special thank you to all the personnel that either ran or supported the Baker to Vegas running team.

Runners: **Tom Mossman**, **Carey**

Tong, Ron Hodges, Roger Ramirez, Lawrence Sinclair, Robert Morales, Phillip Chan, Ron Granados, Bill Windham, Pat Olivier, Jim Flynn, Rick Guiterrez, Joe Salazar, Julius Resnick, Romeo Rublaca, Steve Razo, Mario Barrillas, Guillermo Avila, Fab Ledesma and Mike Flynn.

Support: Kenny Bryant, Gerald Holtz, Ammon Willimas, Susy Lee, Martha Kahoe, Patti Hushizume and Axia Burugan.

We looked forward to competing next year 2004.

Narcotics Division has experienced some major changes, so personnel has come and gone. Next month I will update all the personnel changes within Narcotic Division. ♦



Incident Command Post Unit

by Bill Young
Incident Command Division

Greetings from the crew at the ICPU. First it is time to say goodbye to Officer **John Gidowski**. In preparing for retirement (some say he retired years ago), John opted to leave the ICPU and return to motors, so he gave up eighteen wheels for two wheels. Best of luck John, and welcome to his replacement Officer **Mark Hernandez**. Mark's previous assignment was Transit Group Training Coordinator. Mark has already proven an asset to the Unit and is very eager to get up to speed on everything.

Welcome back is in order for our Unit OIC, Sergeant II **Ted Reyland**. Ted was absent for twenty months when his Air Force Reserve Unit was activated. During his absence our Specialist Reserve, **Linda Young**, adorned the gates at our shop with yellow tape ribbons. They still remain for all the other LAPD officers currently activated. -

By now I am sure most of you have seen the code 20 video in roll call explaining our Unit, what we do, what resources we have to facilitate you in the field, and how to contact us 24/7 to respond to your needs.

Officer **Mark Hernandez**, Reserve Specialist Linda Young and myself were honored to participate behind the scenes at Rose Hills for Detective **Abe Barron's** funeral. The Protective League provided 2,000 ± bottles of drinking water, and we supplied the labor, ice, ice chests, pop ups and port-

we have.

Officer Neville of the Military Property Acquisition Team is eager to get on the road and start screening equipment at military bases. He comes across valuable resources, and you can make requests for specific items so he can be on the look out when screening. His number is 213 485-8563. When Supply Division down sized, MPAT obtained a big area in the warehouse for storage of items obtained from the mili-

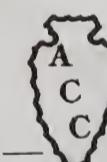
tary. Officer Neville has been busy trying to organize and maximize the space.

Sgt **Reyland** is on vacation travelling toward Minnesota with his family in their fifth wheel trailer. Remember those car trip vacations? Hope you are enjoying yourself!

Officer **Yanez** is on a month long vacation and was last seen sporting a stylish goatee. Hope he hurries back, clean-shaven.

Well, that is probably more than you wanted to read so I will end it here. Until next time, be safe, and don't hesitate to call us if you need us. ♦

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings, amigos. We are in the midst of the hot, humid months of a beautiful California summer. Always remember to be professional and courteous. But most important, take care of yourself and your partner.

Recognition

South Traffic Division is always proud to welcome new personnel both civilian and sworn. Big city motor cops come and go at any traffic division, but South Traffic has a unique recent transfer in. Her name is Officer **Bridgette Robinson**. She is only one of four female motor officers. Even more special is that she is the first African American female assigned to Motors. Congratulations and welcome to South Bureau's finest Traffic Division.

Retirement

Anyone who has worked at South Traffic Division for any length of time knows or should have known (those last few words sound familiar, but I can't place where I heard them) who the call sign 18 Mary 11 belongs to. Officer **Ed "Baby" Burns** has decided to stop booking deuces and writing greenies and step off his police motorcycle and retire from the Department. Officer Burns was as consistent as your wrist-watch. He sat in the same seat in roll call (back row, rear right). His citation recap and deuce arrests were always high. But more importantly, Ed was easygoing, friendly to all, and always had a story to tell. According to Ed, no matter who spoke at roll call, from past chiefs, command staff, lieutenants, and sergeants, Ed claimed that he broke them all in as police officers. It will be everyone else's turn to tell a story about Ed at his retirement party scheduled to be held August 9. "Baby" Burns, you will be missed, and I know if it were



Officer Bridgette Robinson and Officer Ed Burns.

possible, the call sign "18M11" would also be retired with you. Best wishes to you and your family.

MADD

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers has recognized one of South Traffic Division's collision investigators for her prowess in nabbing those who would place your family and mine in



Officer Kitt Yount.

danger in an impaired state. Officer **Kitti Yount** was recognized for having 63 DUI arrests for calendar year 2002. Of those arrests, nine involved a fatality with the arrestee booked for the relevant felony charge. This is the third year in a row that Officer Yount has been recognized by MADD. We at

South Traffic are very proud of Officer Yount's accomplishments and the example she sets for her peers.

Wedding Bells

Ladies, you can scratch the name of Officer **Ron Moy** off the eligible bachelor list. Officer Moy recently demonstrated great courage by reciting those two words which many males shrink from. Of course, I am alluding to stating, "I do" to a person of the opposite sex. Congratulations Officer Moy. May you and your special bride experience the great reward that can only come when you find someone you commit to spend your life with.

Happy Trails to You

If you ever walked inside of the station and heard an unusual, loud, rhythmic guffaw sound which may have frightened you, well you were hearing the very unique laughter of one Officer **Ray Ygual**. The hallways at South Traffic are now silent since Officer Ygual has transferred to Pacific

Division. Ray, thanks for all of the memories and laughs. We only wish the best for your future.

South Traffic also extends our best wishes to Officer **Marcie Charles** as she will now be using her talents at South Bureau. Best of luck, Marcie, and thanks for your service here at South Traffic.

Finally, a fond farewell to Officer **Jesus Garcia** as South Traffic's loss is Southeast Division's gain. Good luck, Jesse, and be careful.

Welcome

South Traffic Division extends a warm welcome to Det. **Gustavo Barrientos** as he comes to South Traffic from Hollenbeck Division.

Finally

As always, you are encouraged to keep in contact with our brother and sister officers who are sick, ill or injured.

As always in departing, motors keep the rubber side down and C.I., keep the light bar off of the pavement. ♦

Hammill in his Air Force Reserve Pitts, and ASD pilot Pat McNamara in an AS350 B2. We flew two 1-hour flights with lots of photos and video taken. The flight was a great success despite the low clouds, and we were proud to be part of it. Some of you may have seen a couple of the photos in the *Daily News* including a front-page color shot. Sean Tucker is a class act and a professional aviator. We are really looking forward to the 3rd Annual Dining In on September 30th where Sean will be our keynote speaker. Thanks, Glenn and Mike, for your continued support of ASD.

In the Line of Duty

All of us at Air Support Division mourn the loss of Northeast Det. **Abe Barron**. Our condolences go out to Abe's family, friends, and coworkers at Northeast Division. Our thoughts and prayers are with Det. **Andrew Teague** for a rapid recovery. Abe was a great street cop and detective. He will be truly missed.

We are very grateful to our law enforcement aviation brothers and sisters from the California Highway Patrol for their fast response to the accident scene. A CHP air unit out of Barstow Daggett transported Detective Teague to Loma Linda Hospital for medical treatment. That action made a difference that night, and it will not be forgotten.

ASD Tip of the Month

Debriefing is one of the best tools that we have to learn from each other. If it is done properly, everyone involved will benefit. We all look at things in different ways. Our point of view is based on our knowledge, experience, and perceptions. Some officers are hesitant to be critical of a fellow officer because they might be offended. The most important part of a debrief is for all parties to "park their ego at the door" and be open to constructive criticism.

The point of this is that if you have questions or concerns about any incident that ASD is involved in, you should call the crew and talk about it. All of us will benefit from this. If you keep a concern to yourself, it may never be addressed. We want to hear from you so we can help all of you the best way possible. Always watch your six. ♦

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Northeast Corner

by Susan Loera
Northeast Division

End of Watch

On June 25, 2003, at about 7:30 p.m., Det. Abeil Barron and his partner, Det. Andy Teague, were returning from an



Abe Barron, John Berdin, true love.

investigation. Tragically, a truck struck the unmarked police vehicle in a head-on collision. Abe was fatally injured at the scene, and Andy was airlifted to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

Friends

While writing this month's *Blue Line*, I hit so many walls. I didn't know how to start or what to say. Who am I to say who Abeil Barron is and what kind of life he lived. Each time I begin to write, I feel the pain of all the others that have loved him so. I know my words cannot compare to the love and anguish that I have seen in the eyes of others. I do know that

Abe has an abundance of friends and loved ones. I have found that Abe is a very lucky man and has touched so many souls. Some say we all have one soul mate, yet after talking to others, I see that Abe is one of the few that has so many soul mates. In his partners and friends I see the love and the joy that Abe has brought to them. They have become so close to Abe over the years that they are truly family. In his daughter, Lauren, Abe found unconditional love. He loved his daughter with all of his heart. He called her each morning, becoming her daily alarm clock. He spoke of her so fondly of all she did, bragging about her accomplishments in water polo. Abe married his wife, Ann Marie, in 1996 and in her he found his life partner and friend. Abe has left many of his soul mates without saying goodbye, without a handshake or a hug. While Abe shared his time on Earth, he touched so many people along the way. I have heard so many stories of drinks and laughter Abe shared along the path of his life. I don't know all the stories or how to tell them. Yet, I do know that the friends he left behind are in deep sorrow. If you happen to know them, check on them. Talk to his friends and listen to the stories that they have told me. You will learn a bit more about the man, Abe Barron, and maybe it will teach you what life is really about. How to love your friends and smile each day, regardless what life offers you.

Abe's Life

Abe started his career on November 14, 1983. In 1988 he was assigned to Newton CRASH where he began developing his gang and homicide expertise. During a three-month period, Abe and his partner, Andy Teague, recovered over 40 handguns and long rifles off the streets of South Los Angeles. In 1994, Abe was promoted to P.O. III as a detective trainee at Newton. On June 11, 1995, he promoted to detective, assigned to DHD. One year later, Abe returned to Newton Detectives. Abe spent the last two years assigned to Northeast Area Detectives under the supervision of his true friend, Det. III



Andy Teague and John Berdin.



Abe, always dedicated.

John Berdin. Abe received over 78 commendations for exemplary duty performance. Yet, Abe never received the Police Medal awarded to him for his brave act of heroism.

While assigned to Northeast Detectives, Abe observed a distraught woman attempting to jump from a bridge. Abe, risking his own life, he climbed over the guardrail and along the ledge of the bridge to the desperate woman. Abe grabbed a hold of the woman and pulled her to the waiting

arms of a bystander. Abe climbed over to safety and pulled the woman over the rail. Abe did not stop there. After making sure the woman was safely on her way to the hospital, Abe went to the home of the woman to ensure the safety of her family. He then completed a follow-up to the hospital to assure the care of the woman. Abe was a guardian angel while he was here on earth. Imagine what he is capable while in Heaven!

Abe's first assignment in Heaven is to watch over his friend and partner. Andy and Abe shared many good times, and in the end Abe pulled ahead of Andy promoting himself to Andy's guardian angel. Abe is holding Andy up, pulling him over the guardrail to the waiting arms of his family and friends.

Sleep Walking

I walked with you last night; it was in my sleep. You told me you could see me, that you are in peace. You seemed so content and yet so free. You even laughed at me when I told you we did not want to set you free. I could see into your eyes and I could see your smile. I felt a wisp of your touch as you wiped away my tears. It felt the same as it did throughout the years.

You made many friends, leaving your print on each. It is for all of those that I preach. I see you reminding them of all the joy and love that you have shared. I can see your soul through the tearful eyes of all those who love you and those who cared. Their laughter is slow and their heads are low, but in their hearts your life still glows.

I told you of your friends missing you and of all the sorrow and the grief. You smiled at me and said you are in disbelief. I could see your crooked grin and a glimmer in your eye. You told me our time on Earth is just a place of love and hope. You even reminded me of wanting to promote. Yet, you have promoted to a better place, and no 1.28 can remove you from that space.

As you left you whispered, we are wrong to want you back. That it is just a selfish act. You now are busy with your hectic new job; guardian angel gave you more overtime than you could log. God bless you, Abe!

Andy

We are all praying for Det. Andrew Teague's health and recovery. Any additional prayers are greatly needed. Please send all prayers straight to God. ♦

More Divisional Reporter on next page



by Marie Kardiban
Central Division

Central Runners



From left Jason Malik, Adrian Lopez, Terry Cammack, Kris Werner (not pictured Mercedes Pena).

On March 2nd, 2003 the City of Los Angeles held its annual marathon. Several months prior to the event, Central Area Officers decided to enter the event as a team in the Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter category. This required that five sworn officers enter the race and complete the 26.2 mile

Reminder-Central City Police Boosters Golf Tournament

Please don't forget about the upcoming Golf Tournament to help support the youth programs in Central. Organized by the Community Relations Office, you can enjoy a fun filled day of golf followed by a buffet dinner and lots of prize give-a-ways. Please support and help the youth in our area. See Officer Marie Kardiban or Sgt. Greg Macias in CRO for the cost and details on the event.

August 10th-Central Area

Annual Picnic

Don't forget about the annual picnic Sunday, August 10th at the Academy in Elysian Park. Tickets for Central Personnel is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children and children five and under free. There will be lots of food, fun, games and activities for all. ♦

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Pacific Breeze

by Lynn Hunter
Pacific Division

My profuse apologies for not having an article last month. Long-term sick. My assigned replacement got over-worked by his captain. It's a good thing he'd been roasted already!

Good news at the Householders' house. Alyssa Anne was born to **Lisa** and **Rich** on 5/12/03 at 8.76 pounds, 21 inches, with beautiful brown hair (more



Alyssa & Maryanne.

than Rich has). This is Alyssa with big sister Maryanne.

In April, 2003, Officer **Manuel Ibarra** received the highest honor given by California's Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Mannie made it a personal cru-



sade to apprehend drivers who operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Due to his unique skills and abilities, and his dedication, his arrests have been indisputable in court. Mannie sends special thanks to the Police Protective League Board of Directors for their assistance in his travel expenses to receive this award.

June 10, 2003, was Pacific's golf tournament at the Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel. Lt. **Tom Kirk** said he had twice as much fun as everybody else, because he had twice as many strokes. Actually, that's not true. His score was pretty good in comparison. But seriously, folks, the winners were (League members only listed): Closest to hole #1 - retired Lt. **Phil Roberts**; closest to #4 - **Ron Loomis**; closest to #6 - Sgt. **Gary McQueen**; closest to hole #7 - Sgt. **Andre Belotto**. The winning team included **Hilda Kendricks**, who also had best individual score of all the golfers! Worst score team consisted of

Sgt. **Michael Carodine**, Sgt. **Dave Burrus**, and Lt. **Tina Nieto**. (Sorry) **Dwayne White** organized the whole thing, selected the prizes, and corrected the scoring! He did a super job and everybody had a great time. Lunch was furnished by Togo's.

This month's roast victim is none other than Det. II **Rick "Spike" Spelman**. Super-cop. Knows **Steven Yagman** very well. What can you say about Spike that a jury hasn't already heard? He's been on 30 years, minus an undisclosed amount of time for typical behavior. Of course, he's taking advantage of DROP now. Rick worked S.I.S. for so long that Yagman was already well set financially when he got disbarred. They're drinking buddies now. Spike's hiding out now behind the Berlin wall in Pacific Robbery. But he couldn't hide from my poison pen!

Pacific's own Robert Redford, he doesn't even realize every woman in the squad room dreams about him. Rick helped create "Boston Dawn." You can't blame her. Imagine living in the same apartment building with him and a few other hard-partying guys. She'd do anything to get involved with them, as would any healthy (or unhealthy) woman. I'm told they used to call him "Puppy." I won't even go there.

Rick performed the only drive-by C-clamp in LAPD history. DIII **Kurt Wachter** admitted that, while at Frankie's back in 1981, he was the recipient of a beer air-mailed to him by Spike, intended for **Buck Henry** (wisely retired). Kurt stood to confront Spike and discovered that he was several inches too short to chance it. (Rick was very apologetic and a real gentleman. Quite out of character as we would expect of him.) I tried for weeks to get some more dirt on him, but nobody's talking. Has he got something on all his friends, too? Are they afraid of him? You can bet I won't turn my back on him anymore.

I am told that he's an avid hunter and fisherman. He hunts in Wyoming once a year, and fishes in Alaska and Cabo once a year each. Sometimes he gives his supervisor a few hours notice that he'll be gone for a while. (Once he sees this picture, I'm not going anywhere near any of those places for the rest of my life.) He recently lost his entire catch of fish and venison when the power went out to his



freezer (or he forgot to plug it in). Think he'd give me any salmon if I asked?

Well, Puppy, if anything happens to me, everybody is going to know who did it! Does anybody out there want to be my bodyguard? Help. Oh, I know I'm going to regret starting these roasts! And it could be soon, too.

Infiltrating Pacific next DP is PII **M. Lopez** from Van Nuys. Deserting us are PIIs **Sherwin Antiporda** (to Harbor), **Shane Bua** (to Rampart), and **Jason Liguori** (to Southwest). Also running away is Lt. **Tom Kirk** (to Van Nuys).

What About Wilshire?

by Sgt. "Bobby" Smith
Wilshire Division

Memorial Foundation

Wilshire Area personnel raised approximately \$8,000 for the Memorial Foundation through ticket sales to the Los Angeles Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament, which was held on Saturday, May 17, 2003, 10:00 a.m., at the Rancho Park Golf Course.

Summertime But the Living Ain't Easy

The official beginning of summer found many of us pondering increased insurance rates and looking less expen-

sive health care.

Rising health care costs us all some additional expenses in addition to benefit changes.

Thanks Supervisors

Supervisors began the summer months conducting cookouts to show their appreciation for officers and civilian personnel's efforts.

Speedy Recovery

We are looking forward to a speedy recovery for Det. **Andrew Teague**, Northeast Area. Our prayers are with him and his family.

Crime Line

Wilshire Area crime statistics year-to-date for the week ending June 21, 2003: Homicide, -6.7%; Rape, +21.4%; Robbery, +24.0%; Aggravated Assault, -18.8%; Burglary, -2.6%; Larceny, +5.1%, Auto Theft, -0.9%, Violent Crime, +5.4%.

This report is closed in the memory of Det. Abiel "Abe" Barron (LAPD) and Officer John Frederick Lee Small (Inglewood P.D.).

that attended Bill's sendoff. You have a great retirement.

I ran across D-2 **Tony Fintchen**, with 22 years of service, at the Davis Range, who also was pulling the pin and moving to Idaho. Tony was always involved with cluster arrests at Foothill. It was always fun working with him, and I will miss his go-get-them attitude. You take care, Tony.

Welcome to our new Capt. III **Kirk Albanese** to Foothill. He has been here for a D/P and brought a lot of positive changes to the division. The first thing

was the ride-along to find out the problems in the area. He attended numerous meetings to address the concerns of the community. He attended a meeting in the San Fernando gardens, and during the meeting he heard a foot pursuit of a narcotic suspect, then an ADW suspect was also in the area. He made some command decisions and called for additional resources to respond. We had 20 additional officers walking footbeats that night to address the problem. He also made calls for additional officers for the next D/P for on-site officers. Within two weeks, the crime in the complex had moved out to adjacent areas. I ran crime info for the area and only 25 crimes were reported, due to the intimidation from the gang members. There were over 300 arrests in the area. I have citizens that live in the complex walk up to me and without fear tell all about the main players that are causing all the problems. Citizens are offering their homes for O/P for narcotics officers. Narcotics officers are making daily arrests and assigned footbeat. Officers are stopping and talking to everyone that lives in or out of the complex.

Footbeat officers are historically some of the hardest working and most productive officers to work this detail. They are involved with the most violent criminal element of the area. They do their own investigations and interviews to find the wanted suspects. They also identify problems in the area and resolve it quickly by intervention with both parties involved. Everyone in the community knows the footbeat officers by name. In the past, footbeat officers were responsible for the projects, all the Van Nuys corridor area, ABC locations (bars) and to know the business owners and all the parolees in the area. Footbeat officers with many talents. Here at Foothill we have many talented officers that can be called on for this job.



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

We are very happy to have Officer Zourek back from his tour of duty in Iraq. It was great to see him back home. There was a celebration at the academy for all the law enforcement officers and their families that were deployed in or out of country. It was great to see our Chief **Bratton** honoring all of the officers and their families for all of their sacrifices to protect our freedom and country from evil elements in the world. When the military called LAPD officers, this country was getting the best of the best. We all should shake their hands, hug them all and honor them for all of their sacrifice for all of us. There are still some of our brother and sister officers that are still deployed. We will all pray for your families and your safe return home. I was talking to Officer Zourek who was one of several LAPD officers used to train the Iraq police force. They did not have any batons available to train riot control, so they used rifles to simulate all of the techniques. These officers used common sense, adapted and overcame the problem at hand. Our military used the best training and officers to train the Iraq police force. We should all be proud to be LAPD officers because of our reputation.

Congratulations to the Foothill area officers of the 1st and 4th quarter for their outstanding works through the year. We thank FABA for the awards breakfast and their help in us purchasing needed equipment for the officers: SLO **Michelle Rodriguez**, Sgt. **Serafin**, Sgt. **Kalis**, Det. **Razzano**, Det. **Freund**, Officer **Daniel**, Officer **Harper**, Officer **Wilber**, Reserve **Andrews** and **Russell Chan** records.

Legions of Foothill

Recently I attended Det. II **Billy Cauhy**'s retirement party. I saw a lot of old timers that trained me or I worked with: D-1 **Mike Cherry**, D-2 **Peterson**, **Jim Brooks**, and there were over 200

First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey
Communications Division

The Department Command Post has been returned from the Operations Coordinator to Communications Division. We welcome back to Communications Division the dedicated DCP officers who have the difficult job of making command staff and investigative notifications. The job and demands it presents is a lot easier than it looks.

Communications participated in the U.S. Marine Corps annual "Mud Run" at Camp Pendleton held on June 15. Everyone, police officers and PSR's had a great and dirty time.

Welcome

Communications Division welcomes



Police Officers from several agencies including Communications Division Ford river in the 2003 world famous "Mud Run" at camp pendleton.

Lt-II **Stan Ludwig** (from Wil Dets) and SGT II **Deborah Edgar** (from ESD). Lt. **Ludwig** is a former Watch Commander at Comm Div and is eager to learn about all the changes that have been made since he left.

Goodbye and Thank you

P-2 **J. Marroquin** (HARB); P-2 **J. Lovick** (SW)

way out West

by Thomas Mason
West Valley Division

As part of the Department's effort to work together as a team with the League, the Thin Blue Line divisional reporters will now be part the Department's Media Relations Section (MRS) "Good News" reporting staff. It will be my responsibility to get the positive information and news that is so often overlooked to MRS for press releases that will be distributed to local and national media. All positive material that is job related, personal stuff, or that little something that needs mentioning is welcomed. I am asking for your assistance in getting these stories to MRS. A handwritten note, voicemail message, or email would be greatly appreciated. If you have a digital photograph that can be included with the story please either send it to me via e-mail or on a disk.

Last year on March 9, 2002, Police Officer III **Robert Jewett** was severely injured in an off-duty traffic collision. The injuries that Bob suffered resulted in him now walking with a cane and the possibility of further surgeries. The collision occurred when a female teenage driver while talking on a cell phone negotiated an unsafe turn in front of Bob. Bob hired a good attorney and I am glad to report that they were very successful in their lawsuit. The jury awarded Bob \$7.3 million. Pending an appeal, Bob won't have to worry about DROP, contract negotiations, or that measly uniform allowance. The daily interest he is earning is makes his salary seem like chump change.

Again, the success of West Valley's Woman's running team resulted in a first place finish at the Annual Memorial Race on June 1. Officers **Marissa Frial**, **Sherri Egan**, **Sherri Biggs**, **Holly Thomson**, and **Leslee Rogers** completed the race in 2:01:40. Congratulations.

I am proud to report that Sergeant II

Paul Sciarrillo was named as the League's Employee Representative of the Year. Paul's easygoing, laid back, and pleasant demeanor were some of the reason's he was selected. Seriously, Paul's interest for the rights and protection of West Valley Area's League members and his responsibilities as a delegate is what earned him the selection. Paul has represented many officers in personnel and administrative investigations and is an outstanding representative.

Congratulations to the following West Valley Area personnel. The Officer of the Quarter was **Daryl Scoggins**. Daryl is a great officer who has great ambition and a great personality that makes him a well deserving recipient. The Area Employee of the Quarter was **Trish Cruppi**. Trish is a dynamic person who everyone enjoys being around. Finally, the Detective of the Quarter was **Robert Runnels**. Bob is a burglary detective and has made solid cases against some really bad guys. He's the type of detective that everyone can appreciate.

On May 27, 2003, Senior Lead Officer **Janet Zumstein** received the Reseda Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Year Award. Janet has been an incredible SLO in just a short period of time and is well deserving of this award



Senior Lead Officer Janet Zumstein.

by the community that she serves. Good job Janet. I just want to know if the award had purple writing.

On June 20, the West Valley Area B.O.O.S.T.E.R.S. golf tournament was a great success. Plenty of golfers had a good time. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the event such a great success.

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Sergeant **Eric Bixler** caught the errant ogre looking into cars in the parking lot.....just kidding!

I don't know of **Sergeant Phil Ibarra** asked him if he was sick, ill or injured. If I was the watch commander and they brought me a suspect that green, it would be straight to PAB dispensary for him!

Be Careful Out There!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska
Van Nuys Division

New Captain

Captain Robert W. McNamara retired from the L.A.P.D. in June 2003 after over 30 years of dedicated service. We all wish him well with his new endeavors. Captain James A. Miller is the new commanding officer of the Van Nuys Area. Welcome to Van Nuys.

Well Wishes

Well wishes to Detective Michael Tinker who is recovering from bypass surgery and Detective Jack Gray who is off ill recuperating from surgery. Many prayers for a speedy recovery to the both of you. We miss you.

Copper Caper

On May 12, 2003 at approximately 1340 hours, Officer Armando Mendoza was working a U car and responded to a Code 30 Ringer. Mendoza checked the outer perimeter for signs of entry when he observed clothing on the ground near the back door. He returned to the front of the location and was met by the owner. The owner had earlier observed the clothing and the screen door forced off. Believing the suspect might be inside, the owner left. Mendoza requested additional units and the residence was contained. Officers Zoltan Mako, Michael Mazur, William Simonoff, Steven Tannert, Scott Schube, Sandra Platero, Jason Armendariz, Tanya Rodda, and James Jensen all responded to the area and established a perimeter. K9-4, Officer David Wade and Air 8, Sergeant Anthony Demolina and Officer Mathew Jaroszak also responded. As the officers developed a tactical plan, another Code 30 call was broadcast by Communications Division at a nearby residence. Believing that the suspect from the first code 30 could be burglarizing the second location, Officer Justin Bergmann was sent to check it. As Bergmann checked the residence, he noticed the screens had been removed from two rear windows and one of the windows had been forced open. Bergmann maintained his position until a search of the inside could be conducted. At approximately 1410 hours, an unknown citizen approached Simonoff and Tannert and told them that she observed a male of Middle Eastern decent in the immediate area. He was sweating profusely and carrying a bag that he was trying to conceal. Schube and Platero were directed to the location and detained the suspect. A want/warrant check revealed that the suspect was a parolee at large. In addition, he was on parole for burglary. As Schube and Platero continued their investigation, they checked the tote bag that the suspect was carrying. There were numerous pieces of loose jewelry in the bag. The suspect also had approximately \$13,000.00 in his possession. Based on the evidence, Schube and Platero believed that they had the suspect that was responsible for the recent burglaries in the area. As Schube and Platero were placing the suspect into the police vehicle, a citizen (third victim) approached them and stated that her house had been burglarized. The officers, along with Sergeant Lopez responded to her residence and noted that it had been ransacked. The victim provided Schube and Platero with a description of the items that were taken. While Schube and Platero were outside of the victim's residence, they continued to examine the property in the tote bag that the suspect had in his possession. The victim identified the tote bag as belonging to her, along with the jewelry and some of the other items. As the investigation continued, it was brought to the attention of the officers at the various crime scenes that another burglary had occurred earlier at yet another location. The location was slightly further than the other burglary locations; however, the MO was the same. Believing that additional suspects might be inside of two locations, a plan was formulated utilizing Metropolitan Division. Officer Steve Carnevale (K-9), Mike Odle, John Dohle, Lou Reyes and George Ryan conducted the search of both locations with negative results. Detectives Daniel Moran and John Eum responded to the scene and provided investigative oversight. While looking for additional clues to further determine the suspect's involvement in the burglaries, the detectives discovered distinctive shoe prints outside one of the residences. They were able to determine that the shoe prints matched the shoes that the suspect was wearing. A distinctive looking shirt that was found at one of the locations belonged to the victim at another location. That evidence tied the suspect to the two crime locations. Based on the information and evidence, the suspect was arrested and booked for 459 PC, Residential Burglary. The above officers, detectives and supervisors are commended for their quick response, containment, investigative skills, tactics and attention to duty, which led to the apprehension of a habitual burglary suspect and the return of stolen property. Great job!

Baby News

Officer Eric Miller is a first-time father to a new baby boy. Ian David Miller was born on June 24, 2003. Congratulations!

The baby stork came by and whispered that Officer Teresa Pikor and Officer Michelle Gomez are pregnant. Congratulations on the good news!

Van Nuys Comings-n-goings

Coming in: Capt III J. Miller #21626 (from 77th); Lt II T. Kirk #17959 (from PAC); Sgt I T. Coyle #27115 (from RAMP); PI M Hilderbrand #36674 (from TD); PI A. Mergi #36667 (from TD); PI T. Sherwood (from TD)

Leaving: Det I J. Doerbecker #33607 (to NEWT); Sgt I C. Knolls #25142 (to WIL); Det II M. Sommer #25518 (to JUV); Det I L. Zemones #26353 (to CCD); PIII J. Juarez #32882 (to DEV); PIII B. Shapiro #32706 (to JUV); PIII C. Surh #34496 (to PERQ); PIII S. Liddy #27494 (VB)

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overwhelming number of supervisors who passed the recent lieutenant test. I'm telling you, you can't help but learn a thing or two while you're here.

Wedding Bells

A heartfelt congratulations goes out to Sgt. Rich Thomas. He got hitched on Saturday, July 5th in Vegas baby. And to his lovely bride, Stephanie. Good luck. We get paid to work with him, you don't Ha! Best wishes you two.

Recruitment Drive

There are still several positions available for P-3s looking to enhance their career. This place cranks out promotions like a factory. With a 4-10 schedule, flexible hours, weekends and holidays off, the job is also very good for those going to school or wanting to spend more time with family and friends. Come by and see us sometime. We'll tell you all about it. Call us at (213) 485-2633. Actual positions may vary. Offer good while supplies last. Sorry, no rain checks.

Until next time...C-ya.

PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick
Planning and Research Division

H&G's (hi's and goodbyes)

D.P. 7 is upon us and as always that means time for changes. PRD's incoming are Sgts. D. Duran, R. Benefield and R. Crump, and P-3s R. Lee, R. Schatz, and K. Young. Welcome to all.

Congrats go to newly-crowned big city detective John Lortz. But whoa whoa whoa, don't try to pack up your things just yet. Your first assignment? Surprise! It's a loan to PRD.

Lieutenant Test

Another PRD success story was the

RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Officer Mark L. Horton
Recruitment Division

Welcome

RED would like to extend a warm welcome to Lt. Suzanna Bower, #25601, who comes from Central Division, Lt. Joseph Mariani, #22006, from Hollenbeck Division, and Sgt. Ruben Diaz, #30093, from Audit Division. Lt. Bower and Sgt. Diaz will be working on the recruitment side and Lt. Mariani will be working on the AIS side.

So Long

Good luck and farewell to Sgt. Kathryn Weigel, #30531, who left DP 7 for (ARTC) Training Division.

Retired

Seen here are recruitment staff and retired Hollywood Ron Tingle holding



Officer Danny Chao, #31965, as he demonstrates how to deploy the new display kit.

Thank You

RED would also like to express a special thank you to the Police Protective League for helping us receive six new state-of-the-art display kits. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The Newlyweds

Congratulations to P-3 Officer Eldred Day, #30990, and his wife, Mrs.



Day, formerly P-2 Officer La Donna Cissell, #33455, seen here taking a wedding photo at St. Francis Cabrini Church. RED wishes you the best of fortune and that you both grow happy and wise together.

Training

P-3 Officer Darryl Scales, #31323, making a good observation of P-3

77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

Detective Thank You

On July 25, 2003, the 77th Street Detectives hosted the third annual thank you barbecue for Patrol. We feasted on carne asada, chicken, rice and beans. Our detectives worked very hard in some



Detective Tom Sakarda and BBQ mascot Andy Garcia.

hot weather to make this a memorable day for all of us. Thanks, guys! It was a great time for everyone!

Half a Century Gone By

Senior Lead Officer Mike Shea will be celebrating 50 years of life on August 9th at the desert room. He told me to tell you that all are invited to partake in this historical moment. He promises a good time for all, and it is unknown at this time if he will be wearing his famous tuxedo. Hope to see you there!

Bring on the Bikes

Our Bike Squad is out there making some outstanding arrests. The bad guys



Miah Andrea Dixon born 3/20/03 to Kimmie Dixon (Comm) and Andre Dixon.



are still not used to the fact that they can get swooped on very quickly these days in 77th Street. As promised in the past article, here is a current photo of our Bike Detail.

being done in 77th Street these days. Summer is here, and it is going to be a hot one.

Take care, and stay safe!

Are you moving?

email us at changeofaddress@lappl.org
with your new address!

P11 Mike Martinez, Sgt. Darnell Davenport, Everardo Amaral, Brett Hayhoe, Abel Estopin, Clinton Dohmen, Ed Tsai, and David Navarro.

Code 4, Suspect and Gun in Custody

Officer Tom Redshaw and Officer Rasheed Saafir continue to make outstanding arrests involving gang members with guns. On June 21st, they arrested an admitted 55 NHC who was riding his bike and attempted to elude the officers. As the foot pursuit continued, the suspect removed his weapon from his side cargo pocket, raised the revolver and then threw it in a northwest direction. As the revolver hit the ground, one round was fired from the weapon. The suspect quickly gave up and was taken into custody.

Then on June 22nd, while patrolling in the same area, the officers observed a black male standing in front of a closed preschool. When the male observed the officers, he began to pay special attention to an item in his waistband. As the officers engaged in conversation with the suspect, they observed a handle from a handgun underneath his clothing. As the officers began to felony prone the suspect, the suspect decided he was not going to participate. The air ship was quickly on-scene and a code 4 shortly followed. Outstanding job, guys!

Well, that is just a little bit of info regarding the outstanding work that is

Winning With West Traffic

by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir
West Traffic Division

First of all, apologies go to **Erica Martinez** and **Bryant Thompson**. I inadvertently left their names out of the last few issues of the Blue Line. Well here you go – Erica left WTD and is now at the Traffic Liaison Unit at Hill Street court. We miss you! Also Bryant needs to be added to the list of the new BCMC's. Yes he sailed through motor school and is now assigned to VTD. Congrats! We must also drink, cheer, say congrats, whatever, to our fabulous PSR Stephie Cornine. She is finally a home owner – in Sioux City, Iowa. What's in Iowa? We asked her that very same question, and it appears that the house her grandfather owned for some time was up for sale. Well needing a quick tax break and wanting to keep it in the family, she put an offer down which was accepted. Now she only needs to get rid of the shag carpet, green paint job, overgrown weeds – way to go Stephie!!!!

Employee of the Quarter: WTD is pleased to announce the selection of Police Officer II **John Stafford** as our Employee of the Quarter. He joined LAPD in 1993 and has been at WTD since 1996. No matter what the assignment, John treats everyone with an unsurpassed level of courtesy, helpfulness, and respect (as long as you're not a bandit tow driver at his accident scene!). John has done much to support and promote WTD's team effort, and is a tireless worker. He distinguishes himself from his peers by routinely leading his watch in overall productivity. John's upbeat attitude and warm personality have truly made him a pleasure to know and to work with.

Retirement: WTD has lost another

icon – PO 3+1 **Edward "Skip" Masline**, Serial No. 21380, has decided after 28 years it was time to go. Skip was part of the "Old" Wilshire accident investigation detail when West Bureau was established in 1979 and all four geographic traffic units were centralized into WTD. Since then Skip served here as a P2, P3, P3 Report Auditor, and finally in 1990 he was promoted to P3+1, Investigator in the Detective Section. During his tenure here many officers had the opportunity to meet and know him. He definitely had a unique way of leaving a lasting impression on all those he met. Although his position will be filled, Skip cannot be replaced. All of us here at WTD wish him and his wife Charlotte all the best in their future endeavors.

Photo of the day: Who can't resist a cute baby? Motor Sergeant **Rick Luskleet** and his wife Marie (of TCS) brought in their 5 month old grand-



daughter – **Cheyenne Fowler**. Rick and Marie have been truly blessed with three grandchildren born this year. (see attached photo)

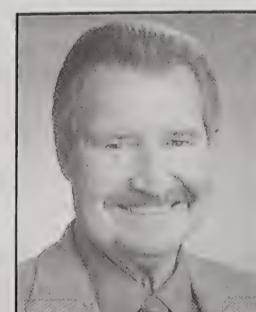
Condolences: Too many law enforcement officers have passed away recently. Services were held June 30, 2003 for Officer **JR Hernandez**, Serial No. 27784, who died of natural causes at his residence. He was a partner of mine at CTD and one of our fine motor officers at WTD for several years. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him – rest in peace buddy. Our sympathies go to his family, friends, and colleagues. ♦

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Hello, everyone. Hope your summer is going well in the company of your loved ones. Can you believe it's August already? It seems like another year is just flying by. I hope you have achieved at least half of the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of 2003.

Baby Announcement:

I have the proverbial new Hollenbeck baby arrival for you by announcing that little Jonathan Zarate made his presence known to the world on February 12th.



Little Jonathan Zarate.

Baby Jonathan arrived weighing in at 9 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length. Proud Dad **Juan Zarate** says the baby and Mom Clandra are doing well. Congratulations on your family addition and the Hollenbeck family wishes you nothing but the best.

...And Speaking of Babies:

Not to be outdone, **William Monahan** wanted me to tell you about his new bundle of joy. Baby Bianka-Rita

joined us on February 23rd, and weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs. 2 oz., while measuring 19 1/2 inches in length. William's lovely wife Blanca welcomed little Bianka-Rita at Bellflower Kaiser Hospital and they are both doing fine. William and Blanca, congratulations on your new family member and I hope that



Baby Bianka.

you are now getting plenty of rest following the every-three-hour feedings.

Police and Fire Games:

The 2003 California Police and Fire games, held in Sacramento, are now history. We are proud to announce that Hollenbeck Division produced two



Flexing Alex.

gold medal winners at the event. Congratulations go out to Officer **Alex Ortiz**, who came away with a gold medal in the push-pull power-lifting competition. Keeping pace, his boss Sgt. **Milt Hernandez**, also obtained a gold medal as a member of the LAPD's 3 on

3 basketball team. Congratulations to both of you on the payoff from your hard work. You are both studs in our book

Hollenbeck Open House:

On June 14, Hollenbeck opened its doors to the local community. Community members were able to meet and converse with the officers that patrol their neighborhoods. They were also treated to tasty goodies while touring Hollenbeck Station. Everyone had a



At the open house.

Welcome:

A welcome hand goes out to Officer **Davis**, from Devonshire Division and to Officer **Siebert**, joining us from OCVD. We also say hello and welcome to two brand new probationers, eager to be trained by Hollenbeck's outstanding training Officers. Please say hi to P-1's **Lemaire** and **Sambilay** (what kind of names are those?) We welcome all of you to the great eastside.

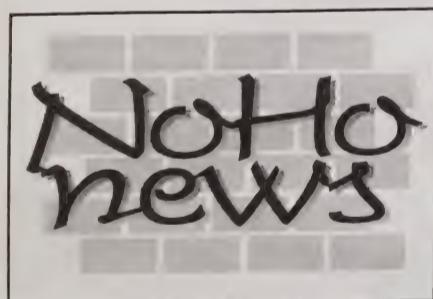
Goodby and So Long:

A long time Hollenbeck fixture has left the building. We are sorry to say goodbye to Lt. **Joe Mariani**, now assigned to RED. Joe, thank you for your outstanding service to the community as well as for your great supervisory skills when dealing with your subordinates, while assigned to Hollenbeck Division. We hate to see you go and you will be missed but we wish you the best of luck in your new assignment. Congratulations go out to **Gus Barrientos** on his promotion to Detective, now assigned to South Traffic Division. Detective **Miles** is now assigned to Wilshire Division while **PSA Brenda Hayes** is now at Juvenile Division. The best of luck to all of you in your respective new assignments.

Que Paso:

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy **Steve** "who needs hair dye" **Carlos**. A little white hair never hurt anyone.

See you all next month. Until then, be safe and be courteous. Treat everyone the way you would like them to treat your mother.



by Angie Hougen
North Hollywood Division

Retirement Parties

We said congratulations and good luck to two retiring North Hollywood women. Det. **Monica Grubbs** had her retirement party at Villa Sorrento on June 25th. She's retiring after 20 years and looks forward to relaxing at home and spending a lot more time with her family. **Judy Sliter** is calling it a career after 28 years with the city. We had a luncheon for her at Acapulco's on June 24th. She's looking forward to taking classes, spending time with her family, and sprucing up her house. It also ends a long streak of city service in her family. Her father had 45 years with the city. Congratulations to both of you, and best



Judy Sliter and her last day at North Hollywood. Congratulations from Captain Sweet.

wishes in the years ahead.

Races, Relays and Mud Runs

Our runners have a never-ending stream of energy. They placed well in the Memorial Relay. They ran not once, but twice, as the Special Olympics Torch Relay passed through North Hollywood for four miles on June 3rd, and eight miles on June 4th. And last, but not least, they competed in the first day of the Camp Pendleton Mud Run on June 14th. Seven miles through pits and rivers, and they finish as a team. Hats off to all the runners, including: **Nancy**



NOHO runners at the Special Olympics Torch Relay.



Nancy Reeves, Monica Klein, Steve Bishop, Theresa Gordon, Mike Coffey, Chris Frus, Steve Metz and Monica Grubbs prepare for the torch relay.



Los Angeles Police Memorial Relay Theresa Gordon, Roger Watson, Maria Frommling, Ed Dominguez and Esther Vasquez.

Reeves, Monica Klein, Monica Grubbs, Chris Frus, John Catalano, Theresa Gordon, Maria Frommling, Roger Watson, Steve Bishop and Craig Suzuki. Keep up the good work!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Rob Golden
Newton Division

Fallen Brother

The men and women of Newton Division wish to extend our heartfelt condolences and concern to the families of Detectives **Abe Barron** and **Andy Teague**. As you all know, in late June, these men were involved in a horrific on duty traffic accident. Detective Barron was pronounced at the scene, and as of the writing of this article, Detective Teague is in critical but stable condition at Loma Linda Hospital.

Both of these men have a lot of close friends here at Newton, and are loved very much. Abe and Andy continue to be the subjects of many Newton Area "war stories." Please join me in praying for the families and friends of both of these fine officers, and for the speedy and full recovery of Detective Teague.

Also, I regret to report that **Esther Acuna's** mother passed away last month. Esther, all of us here at Newton would like to offer you our love and condolences. Many of us know the pain of losing a mother or other close loved one, and we know how difficult it can be. Please know that your Newton family is thinking of you and your family during this tough time.

Police Olympics

Moving on to better news, I'm proud to announce that several Newton officers took gold in this years Police Olympics. **Officer's Kirkland and Trevino** helped the LAPD softball team win the gold medal. Also, **Sgt. Putz, Officer Knighton and Officer Taylor** played some tough hockey to help their team win Gold. Congrats, you've once again proved that Newton Officers are the best.

Back from Duty

I recently received news that **Officer Scott** is back stateside after a lengthy deployment in the Gulf. Welcome back Kevin!

Also, **Officer Popham** (who doesn't smoke cigarettes anymore by the way) is back from deployment, and can be found on the day watch squad. Congrats.

We still have a lot of Officers serving in the military over seas. Some of which are still in combat venues. **Officer Greg Bruce** is one of those people. I recently received a letter from Mrs. Bruce who gave me his mailing address. Look in the rotator or get a hold of me if you would like to drop him a line. I'm sure he is very homesick, and would love to hear from us.

Babies

Lets see if I can get this right without leaving anyone out. Officer "**Cat**" **Emestica** had her little boy in the beginning of June, **Officer Benavides, Sgt. Curtis, and Sgt. Masterson** are proud new parents, and by the time you read this article, **Officer Ballesteros** will be

up to his nose in Huggies.

Congratulations to all of you who just joined the ranks of parenthood (some new, some returning). You'll be getting the majority of your sleep at work from now on.

New P-III's

This article was written before they announced who got the P-III "Desk Officer" spot, so pretend I put the name here, and congratulated that person. I do know about **Officers Jurado and Aceves**. They got their stripes in the bicycle unit. Way to go guys!! How many was that Mark, twenty something interviews?

Use Your Resources

Remember in the academy and on probation, they taught us how to use all of our resources while outside the station so we could stay safe and do our jobs effectively. If you had a crime in progress, you would try and get an air unit to respond to minimize the chances that the "perps" would get away. If you had an injured animal, you would notify animal regulations. A quality of life issue, you'd get in contact with the appropriate city department or office to help resolve it. It was just good police work.

Well the same thing goes for situations and issues that come up while we're inside the station too. If you feel like members of the management are dealing you a bad hand, just use our resources to help you resolve it. Just because they're in a position of authority over you, doesn't mean they have all the right answers. Sometimes, Sergeants, Lieutenants and Captains can make honest mistakes, and be wrong on certain issues. It's amazing the things you can learn by making a few simple phone calls. Recently I called the League because I was told by a supervisor that I wasn't entitled to a reasonable amount of time to meet with my Lawyer prior to an interrogation on a personnel complaint. The MOU and the Police Officers Bill Of Rights clearly proved that supervisor wrong, and I got that information from the League.

The Protective League is in place to protect and assist us on a variety of different issues. Whether it's representing you after a critical incident, or giving you advice on minor topics, the League is there. The League is our Union, and Unions are powerful things.

For example, let's say (hypothetically of course) that you find yourself the subject of an investigation that allegedly involves misconduct. I know it may be hard for some of you to imagine, but try. Remember these few things; I got them right out of the Public Safety Officers' Procedural Bill of Rights (Government Code).

- 1) Prior to the interrogation, you have the right to be informed of the nature of the investigation.
- 2) The interrogation shall be conducted at a reasonable hour (unless it's serious enough to require otherwise). It should be while you are on duty, if not, you are entitled to overtime compensation.
- 3) You have a right to be informed prior to the interrogation of the name and rank of the officer in charge of the investigation.
- 4) No more than two investigators can question you during the interrogation.
- 5) You have the right to seek out and secure legal counsel. You have the right to the competent representative of your choice. **You have the right to**

meet with your "Rep" (whether it's a Lawyer or League Rep) and prepare prior to answering any questions.

- 6) If you are required to immediately write a report, or answer questions concerning an investigation which could lead to punitive action against you. (like a statement on a 555 form after a pursuit which ends in an accident), remember this; You must write on the report that you are being ordered to provide information without first meeting with your "Rep", and that you are not waiving your constitutional rights to remain silent under the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments.
- 7) No document containing adverse comments can go in your personnel package without your first having an opportunity to read and sign it. If there is one in your package that you

didn't review and sign, you can have it excluded at an administrative hearing. You also get 30 days to file a response to that document.

8) You cannot be compelled to take a polygraph test, and they can't punish you for not taking one.

9) They can't search your locker without you being present unless you give consent, and you've been given reasonable notice, or by a valid search warrant.

I could go on and on, just remember that you have rights. Don't waive them. Use your resources, and if your boss gives you only "driving time" to get to a scheduled interview, just explain your situation to the investigator, and take all the (reasonable) time you need to get ready. It's your career and freedom on the line, not the supervisors'.

You can contact Officer Golden at Rob14767@aol.com.

start of the race. Teams may not receive any assistance of any kind except verbal. Racers are allowed to have a support team, and Paula's father Joe Chavez, along with Bill's parents Mr. & Mrs. Meares, helped to keep things going along without too many hitches.

Paula and Bill started out on a Saturday morning around 9 A.M. and 3 1/2 days later they finished the race in 73 hours and 8 minutes, taking 58th place as the only male/female team in the Standard category. Keep in mind folks, this was their very first adventure race, neither of them had any prior experience in canoeing, or long distance water racing. In hindsight, **Paula** wishes they would have put themselves in the **Novice** category. Here they were, out in the wilds of Texas, paddling their way to the finish line, without stopping to rest. They paddled the river in daytime and at night, they used lanterns and the moon for light. **Paula** told of many a scary moment when they would approach 25 foot drops into dams, swift rapids, and turns in the river; they faced thunder storms that felled trees in their path; they caught millions of bugs & flying creatures that plastered themselves on their faces and arms and the front of the boat; they saw cows that got caught in the strong currents off the banks of the river, and came floating by dead, rotting and loaded with flies; they paddled through smelly, polluted waters as they passed various factories that were located along the river. Paula admitted that she even had hallucinations on the second night

from lack of sleep and the grueling environment. She said they survived hunger from eating lots of MRE's (meals ready to eat), Snickers bars, Payday bars, and other assorted goodies.

For all this demanding and grueling effort they put forth for the race, Paula and Bill came away from the race knowing that they were part of the elite group of finishers, that they had earned the coveted Texas Water Safari patch, and were awarded a nice carne asada dinner. Oh yeah, and the memory of it all. In retrospect, Paula said that she would never, ever do that race again (for now). Way to go Paula!!!!

In Closing

Here's a quick "SHOUT OUT" to Sgt.2 "Markie, Mark" Jauregui, recuperating at home. Hope you're feeling better these days, hope you're getting well, we miss you, and with any luck you're already back in the saddle by the time we're all reading this issue. To the rest of you, please remember to be smart, be safe, be sound, and just keep on dancing.



My hero Detective I Paula Chavez (on the right) back from vacation, with Detective I's Michelle Santillan and Danny Ornelas looking on.

tough mama. On her latest vacation in June, she decided to check out and compete in an adventure race, specifically the Texas Water Safari. Along with her husband Bill as her race partner, they set off to Texas to be part of a crazy experience. Let's briefly describe this Texas Water Safari. The Safari is a long, tough, nonstop, marathon canoe racing adventure, which traverses 260 miles of challenging rivers and bays. They are given 100 hrs to complete the race. Teams must have all provisions, equipment, and items of repair in their possession at the

All Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings. It's the height of summer. What happened to that June gloom that meteorologists predicted would last a lot longer than usual? So like I said, it's hot!

Happy Days

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, good things are happening. First, a huge, warm welcome back to Officer **Larry (Laurence) Martinez** at Pltn. Another terrific conclusion that has added great joy into the Martinez household is their daughter, Lauren Rene. After attempting to conceive with negative results, Larry and his wife, Randi, brought home precious Lauren in 1998 at the age of 17 months. She completely captured their hearts. All that was left was the necessary legal procedure required by the state. The process was started immediately. Less than six months after bringing Lauren home, the Martinez's discovered Randi was pregnant. Son Dean



John Paul Franklin II

would soon join the lineup. At last, on June 20th, almost five years later, a San Bernardino Court has finalized the adoption. Big sister Lauren celebrated her 6th birthday in March and little brother Dean is now 3-1/2 years old. Congratulations to the Martinez family, and happy birthday, Lauren!

Winner and Still Champion

The annual Police Summer Olympics, AKA the California Summer Games, were held the week of June 13 through the 21st in Sacramento. The originator, **John Paul Franklin II**, once again outshined the opposition in the Men's Body Building contest. Congratulations to J.P. on his 1st place win and gold medal in the Men's Master's competition.

Hooray, at Last

On Wednesday, July 2nd, at the Griffith Park Ranger Station, **Karen** and **Steve Beidle** said adieu to active duty. The occasion was filled with many a story told about two outstanding police officers who will be greatly missed. Karen came on the department in 1982. After departing the Academy, she ventured to Southwest, Wilshire and thence was selected for a coveted assignment to South Bureau CRASH. Through her attention to service, diligence, stellar

capabilities and dedication, Karen earned the respect of her peers and supervisors alike. In August of 1989, Karen was selected to the division and was assigned to the Mounted Unit. Karen's expertise and outstanding equestrienne skills provided a wealth of talent to the Cavalry. Karen received the Police Commission Unit Citation for her vital role in the development and training of Mobile Field Force tactics, ambush and survival tactics to department personnel as well as outside law enforcement from across the nation. In addition to her personal VIP assignments to past presidents and foreign heads of state, Karen has received over 80 commendations lauding her valor and courage, acts of heroism and preeminent community service.

Policeman III+I Steve joined the department in October, 1972. Steve's assignments included North Hollywood, West L.A. and Hollywood before being selected to Metropolitan Division. His exceptional abilities and dedication subsequently gained him entrance to SWAT in 1979. During his tenure in D team, Steve organized hosts of security details for three former presidents, numerous foreign heads of state and considerable high threat witness protection details. In 1983, Steve received the Police Commission Unit Citation for the SWAT team's accomplishments of 52 call-ups including 38 barricades. In addition, during the XXXIII Olympiad, Steve pro-



Steve & Karen Beidle

vided an essential role as a scout for his element. In 1988, Steve was awarded the Police Medal for his brave and heroic act rescuing a brother officer who had been wounded during a gun battle. After providing a safe location for the downed officer, Steve returned to the heat and directed his entry team executing the tactical plan to secure the location. Steve's extraordinary calm disposition and exemplary command presence were standard in the most aggressive of situations. Upon departure from D team, Steve was elected to the Mounted Platoon and was significant in the development of the full time unit the department is blessed with today. Again Steve's calm demeanor and his expertise provided critical leadership that contributed to the assessment of and tactical applications executed during heavy parade traffic and enormous crowd control situations. In addition to over 75 commendations, Steve was also awarded the Police Commission Unit Citation for his contributions to the department's MFF training program and tactical training to outside law enforcement throughout the country. I once heard someone say that if you leave a place better than when you entered it, you've done your job. I think a lot more could be said with regard to Beidle's contribution to the department.

Congratulations, Steve and Karen. Best wishes for a very long, healthy, happy retirement.

Until the last next time, R-10girl, clear.



by Det. Marcella Winn
Robbery Homicide Division

Hello everyone. I hope you all are doing well. I am writing this article while I am on vacation. Hopefully, I am up-to-date on the happenings at RHD.

RHD's Comings

We would like to welcome Lt. **Lyle Prideaux** and Det. **Jessie Linn** from Newton Division.

RHD Legal Corner

The Power of Search Warrants

By Lt. Rick Papke

Any search that a police officer conducts without a search warrant will be deemed inherently *unlawful* until the officer and prosecutor prove the search was conducted pursuant to consent, an exception or exigent circumstances. All searches conducted pursuant to a search warrant, however, will be deemed inherently *lawful* and the burden is shifted to the defense to prove the warrant was defective. It is very difficult for the defense to quash a warrant due to very favorable case law handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court (Court). Why, because the courts want to review and approve your probable cause to ensure the Fourth Amendment "...right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures..." Therefore, the Court has handed down case law to encourage us to write warrants.

There are numerous other advantages gained by conducting a search pursuant to a search warrant: No Probable Cause Arrest Warrant (Ramey) is necessary because you have judicial approval of your probable cause to be within the premise. Warrants eliminate the problems of withdrawn consent and the voluntariness of consent. Search warrants protect informants in that you will not have to identify the informant and may, in some circumstances, seal the affidavit. Search warrants allow an officer to go to a third party location and search for the subject of an arrest warrant. This is required under *Steagald* to prevent violating the third party's Fourth Amendment rights. Search warrants ensure more evidence will overcome suppression attacks by the defense. Warrants significantly reduce civil liability and personnel complaints because

you are searching pursuant to an order by a judge.

So with all these advantages, why don't we write more search warrants? The biggest reason is time. It is time-consuming to write a warrant then find a judge to sign it. Another reason for many of us is apprehension; staring at that blank computer screen and trying to figure out how to construct a legally sound affidavit of probable cause.

If we could reduce the amount of time it takes to obtain a warrant and make affidavit construction user-friendly, we would probably see more warrants written. The following affidavit format (outline) is designed to do just that. It is recommended by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the California Deputy District Attorney's Association. It significantly reduces the amount of information in the affidavit and therefore reduces the time it takes to write it. It speaks only to the information required for probable cause and eliminates superfluous information.

Affidavit Format

Introduction of affiant:

Identity (name, rank, serial no., assignment, tenure on job and assignment).

Training (formal and informal pertaining to crime associated with this warrant).

Experience (approximate number of investigations and arrests for this crime).

Narrative:

Indicate how affiant got involved in the investigation (assigned to investigate crime, DR#).

Establish that a crime was committed (victim stated suspect pointed gun took money).

Connect the evidence sought to the crime (stolen property, weapon or tools used).

Connect the suspect to the crime (explain how we made suspect prints, wit/photo I.D., etc.).

Connect the suspect to the search location (prior arrests, FIs, DMV, utilities).

Connect the evidence to the search location (you can do this with your expert opinion).

That's it. You can use this format for every affidavit and it will significantly reduce the time required to write it. You will also find that writing and serving search warrants actually will save time because you will not be going to all of those evidence suppression hearings.

Detectives should be thoroughly conversant with search warrants and should write, at a minimum, three or four a year just to keep their skill level up. You will find, however, after you get a few under your belt, you will be writing a lot more.

Every time a detective handles a burglar, robber, car clutter, a gang member or any suspect where it is reasonable to believe evidence will be at his/her home, office, locker, etc., a search warrant should be considered.

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Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
Sports Beat Editor

Hate like hell to think we're some sort of jinx but...

In last month's "Roundup" we observed, in covering the Memorial Relay, it had been nearly 19 months since an officer was lost in the line of duty... and noted it was the longest period in almost 24 years without such an event. A few days before that issue was mailed Northwest Detective **Abiel Barron** lost his life in a senseless on-duty traffic accident and his partner, Detective **Andrew Teague**, was critically injured.

Our prayers go out to the families of Detectives Barron and Teague... and we promise to be a little *less* observant and a little *more* superstitious in the future.

Early Police and Fire Games Results

Results from the California Police and Fire Games, held in mid-June at the state capital, are still rolling in but it looks like department athletes once again gave a stellar performance. While you'll find separate team articles elsewhere in this section here's a brief look at what's been reported so far:

TEAM GOLD MEDALS – Action Pistol, Pistol #2, Roller Hockey (a double dip – team #1 in Division A and team #2 in Division B), Skeet, Slo-Pitch ("Lawmen" in C Flite), Tennis (singles and doubles), Track and Field, Women's Basketball.

OTHER TEAM MEDALS – Silver: Basketball (5x5), Skeet (doubles), Trap (doubles and 21 yd); Bronze: Baseball, Paintball (intermediate), Trap (16 yd); 4th Place: Slo-Pitch ("Blue" in A Flite); 5th place: Soccer #1; 7th place: Slo-pitch ("Hit Squad" in Co-ed).

INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALS: Sam Collela (bench press golden master), Harry Davis (skeet, skeet HOA), Dave Herrick (trap doubles "B" Division), Tony Huerstel (action pistol), Bart Landsman (racquetball 40+ singles), Joseph Lloyd (racquetball singles), Edmund Russell (tennis master singles), Rex Shields (bench press golden master), Tom Vigen (bench press golden master).

INDIVIDUAL SILVER MEDALS: Harry Davis (skeet doubles, HOA trap), Dave Herrick (trap HOA "B" division, skeet/trap HOA "B" division), Bart Landsman (racquetball 40+ doubles), Bruce Barrios (tennis master singles), Leila Ryan (tennis mixed doubles).

There were tons of bronze and other place medals and not all results were in at our press deadline. We'll have more on the California Police and Fire Games in the next issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.

Upcoming Events

As we get into the final months of summer make sure to mark your calendars for some very important events coming up in the next few months . . .

8/29 – nominations due for Sports Awards

10/3 – fall Bench Press competition (tentative)

mid-Oct – Intradepartmental Basketball coaches meeting

late-Nov – start of Intradepartmental Basketball season

11/21 – 50th Annual Sports Awards Dinner (tentative – alternate date is 12/5)

Dodge Tix Still Available

LAPRAAC has a limited number of Reserved Level seats for selected Dodgers games so here's a good chance

to catch the action as they fight the Giants for the Western Division pennant. Tickets (between third and first base) are \$17 on a first come, first served basis, and are sold in the LAPRAAC Office at the Elysian Park Academy.

Available games (Sundays 1:10 pm, others 7:10 pm unless noted) are: Wed, Aug 6 – Cincinnati Reds; Fri-Sun, Aug 8-10 – Chicago Cubs; Fri & Sun, Aug 22 & 24 (5:10 pm) – New York Mets; Fri & Sun, Aug 29 & 31 (5:10 pm) – Colorado Rockies; Mon, Sep 1 (5:10 pm) – Houston Astros; Fri & Sun, Sep 12 & 14 – San Diego Padres; Tues, Sep 16 – Arizona Diamondbacks; Fri-Sun, Sep 19-21 – San Francisco Giants. For more information call (323) 221-5222 ext. 202.

Some Great Summer Reading

Most cops don't have much free time to pick up a thick tome for recreational reading but there's one book out there that's a must read for anyone wearing a uniform.

As a student of LA history yours truly has always been captivated by the "juicy" events in the Southland during the 20's, 30's and 40's. The town was wide open and the department was about as corrupt as one can get. Even Chicago cops blushed!

Some of our readers may have met, or worked with, Detective Steve Hodel

before he retired in 1986 after 24 years. Without giving away the details we can say Steve, with exacting investigation and detailed analysis, has solved the infamous Black Dahlia murder that rocked Los Angeles in 1947. In doing so he uncovered an LAPD cover-up of Watergate proportions and the unsettling past of a family member.

The "Black Dahlia Avenger" is available at all major bookstores. If you're going to read anything this summer, this book is the one to buy.

We Welcome Your Articles

Planning a sports event or have an upcoming one? Submitting an article for *Sports Beat* is the best way to get info out to a wide range of active and retired department personnel. To be included we must receive articles – via fax or e-mail – no less than three days before the end of current month: by August 28 for the October issue, September 27 for November, etc.

E-mail articles to **LAPDSportsBeat@aol.com** or fax to (818) 957-4275. Even if you send notes with a contact name/phone we can write a story that gets the word out. Photos are welcome – lower-res jpeg are preferred via e-mail (or indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you). ♦

LA 'Peacemakers' Participate in Cowboy Action Shooting World Championship

by Larry Mudgett

The 22nd Annual World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting, known as the "End of Trail," was held at Raahauge's Ranch in Norco April 9-13. Participating in the match were shooters from Europe, Canada and all 50 states. This was the largest cowboy shooting contest in the world with approximately 700 competitors in the main match, 100 mounted shooters and approximately 30,000 visitors and spectators. Entertainment included trick shooting and fast draw exhibitions, costume contests, a Wild West show, live music and chuck wagon racing.

Retired Officer **Phil Harris** completed the main match as did Officer **Stacey Ewing** (Newton) and Officer **Larry Mudgett** (Training). Ewing and Mudgett competed in ladies modern and modern categories, respectively, each using a pair of Ruger Blackhawks (.357 Magnum), a Navy Arms 1873 Winchester (.357 Magnum) and original 1897 Winchester 12gauge shotguns.

Mudgett missed only one of 270 targets finishing 104th out of 700 shooters. Ewing, who has only been involved in the sport for about 18 months, finished ahead of 400 shooters to place 8th in her category, bringing home a "Top Ten" winners Buckle. This was Ewing's first "End of Trail," making her achievement even more remarkable.

Cowboy Action Shooting Matches are held every weekend in the Greater Los Angeles area. If you are interested in competing with the LA Peacemakers please call Mudgett at (818) 832-7529 or (818) 832-3748. ♦



Rene Hernandez MEMORIAL RIDE • AUGUST 2, 2003

Sign up: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Location: Harley-Davidson of Glendale

3717 San Fernando Rd.
Glendale, CA

Ride start: 12:00 p.m. sharp

Destination: Camacho's
13101 Crossroads Parkway
Industry, CA

Pre-Registration (Appreciated for Planning):
\$25 per rider, \$35 with passenger

Day of Event Registration: \$30 per rider, \$40 with passenger
Ride Pins, Lunch and Raffle Ticket to First 400 Paid Participants
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Most Personnel From a Single Station/Facility Award
(Includes Fire Stations and PDs)

After Ride Party at Camacho's 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(if you can't make the ride, show up and donate at the party)

This ride is sponsored by personnel assigned to Century Station. The proceeds will be deposited into Sheriff's Relief Fund #408 for the benefit of Rene's two young sons. A portion will also be donated to the Downed Officers Support Ride on August 17th.

Additional info, contact: GSNavarra@asd.org; MTMaher@asd.org;
EATschar@asd.org; or Deputy Michael Maher,
Century Station, (323) 567-8121.

All motorcycles are welcome. If you don't have a bike, drive your car! Come out and show your support! ♦

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Rampart Beats Metro in Slugfest to Capture LAPD Slo-Pitch Title

Maybe it was the Sammy Sosa autograph bats or the recent shipment of spheres with tightly-wound centers, but whatever the case this year's Red Davis Tournament for the LAPD intradepartmental slo-pitch championship was a double-elimination round robin slugfest that set a record for high scoring games.

When the dust settled after 979 runs were scored in 33 games Rampart gained revenge for its only losses of the year to beat Metro, 10-5, in a dog-eat-dog battle to the finish for the 2003 LAPD title. "I've been coaching Rampart the last four years and I've never seen this many home runs in Red Davis competition," said Nate Baez, "especially when playing on fields that have no outfield fences." The tournament was held June 3-4 at Sepulveda Basin.

Metro, undefeated in league play for the third straight year, overpowered Hollywood, No. Hollywood and Pacific to reach its fourth round battle against Fort Apache. Rampart, having lost only to Metro in each of the last two league seasons, demolished West Traffic, Van Nuys and Northeast . . . then ambushed Metro, 24-15, to send the defending champs into the losers bracket.

For the first time in memory the first place team in each league finished the season undefeated. Pacific, unsullied in South League play, made it past Hollenbeck and 77th Street before succumbing to Metro. After knocking Van Nuys out of the losers bracket the Beach Boys lost to Devonshire Blue to end their year. The Blues were undefeated in Valley League play for the second straight year and looked to have the best chance to challenge Metro. Toppled by Northeast in the first round the Valley Boyz set off on a string of six straight wins (scoring 149 runs) to face Metro in the losers bracket final. But Metro rose to the occasion, blasting Devonshire, 31-15, to set up the final round as a Rampart v. Metro showcase.

Fort Apache's bats, however, cooled off during the long wait to see whom it would face in the finals, and Metro's bazookas remained blazing hot. Fighting for their life Team Captain Phil Smith's squad again scored 31 - Rampart's 25 proved not enough. It now came down to the very last possible game of they year pitting two titans - the defending champs looking for a threepeat, and a powerhouse of the mid-1990's looking to climb back at top of the heap.

The toll of the mano-a-mano battle was evident in the final game. "This year's tournament was really taxing on everyone," said Baez. "After all the play over two days lots of guys on both teams were limping around due to injuries." But when the umpire cried "out" for the final time Rampart held on to a 10-5 victory in one of the lowest scoring games of the tournament. For the first time since 1998 the perpetual trophy will once again return to its former home on the corner of Temple and Benton.

"We knew going in we had a pretty good squad," said Baez. "We've been up there (the final rounds) the last few years and, talent-wise, it was just our time to win." Rampart's victory kept Metro from joining it as the only LAPD team in recent memory to win three straight titles (Fort Apache won five straight from 1992-96).

Red Davis Tournament Game by Game Results

WINNERS BRACKET (*defeated team to losers bracket*)

FIRST ROUND — Valley Traffic 30, Central Traffic 9 (pre-round game). Northeast 17, Devonshire Blue 12. Central 18, Southeast 17. Van Nuys 11, Wilshire 10. Rampart 25, West Traffic 4. Metro 22, Hollywood 17. No. Hollywood 14, Valley Traffic 6. 77th Street 24, Devonshire Red 10. Pacific 15, Hollenbeck 2.

SECOND ROUND — Northeast 24, Central 12. Rampart 31, Van Nuys 6. Metro 30, No. Hollywood 18. Pacific 15, 77th Street 3.

THIRD ROUND — Rampart 22, Northeast 3. Metro 19, Pacific 7.

FOURTH ROUND — Rampart 24, Metro 15.

FIFTH ROUND — Metro 31, Rampart 25

LOSERS BRACKET (*loser eliminated*)

FIRST ROUND — Devonshire Blue 29, Central Traffic 1. Devonshire Blue 29, Southeast 3. Wilshire 21, West Traffic 12. Hollywood 20, Valley Traffic 8. Devonshire Red 13, Hollenbeck 1.

SECOND ROUND — Devonshire Blue 29, 77th Street 3. No. Hollywood 14, Wilshire 8. Van Nuys 15, Hollywood 10. Central 16, Devonshire Red 11.

THIRD ROUND — Devonshire Blue 26, No. Hollywood 5. Van Nuys 20, Central 11.

FOURTH ROUND — Devonshire Blue 19, Northeast 5. Pacific 15, Van Nuys 3.

FIFTH ROUND — Devonshire Blue 17, Pacific 5.

SIXTH ROUND — Metro 31, Devonshire Blue 15.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME — Rampart 10, Metro 5.

RED DAVIS TOURNAMENT WINNERS 1975 - 2003

2003.....	Rampart
2002.....	Metro
2001.....	Metro
2000.....	Hollywood
1999.....	West Valley
1998.....	Rampart
1997.....	Van Nuys
1996.....	Rampart
1995.....	Rampart
1994.....	Rampart
1993.....	Rampart
1992.....	Rampart
1991.....	Narcotics Group
1990.....	Parker Center
1989.....	Southwest
1988.....	Hollywood
1987.....	No Tournament
1986.....	Southwest
1985.....	Southwest
1984.....	77th Street
1983.....	Hollywood
1982.....	Hollywood
1981.....	West Valley
1980.....	Van Nuys
1979.....	Van Nuys
1978.....	Hollywood
1977.....	Devonshire
1976.....	Newton
1975.....	Admin Vice

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2003 SLO-PITCH LEAGUE STANDINGS

CENTRAL LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Metro	6	0	1.000	—
Rampart	5	1	.833	1
Central	3	3	.600	3
Wilshire	2	4	.333	4
Hollenbeck.....	2	4	.333	4
Northeast	2	4	.333	4
Central Traffic	1	5	.167	5

SOUTH LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Pacific.....	5	0	1.000	—
77th Street	3	2	.600	2
Southeast	2	3	.400	3
West Traffic.....	0	5	.000	5

VALLEY LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Devonshire Blue	5	0	1.000	—
Devonshire Red	3	2	.600	2
No. Hollywood	3	3	.500	2.5
Van Nuys	2	3	.400	3
Hollywood	1	5	.167	4.5
Valley Traffic.....	0	5	.000	5

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California Police & Fire Games 2003 LAPD Trap & Skeet Individual Medals

Total of 50 Medals Won!

Gold (8), Silver (19), Bronze (8), Fourth Place (7), Fifth Place (8)

Harry Davis (13)

Gold: Team Skeet, Individual Skeet, Individual HOA Skeet; Silver: Team Skeet Doubles, Individual Skeet Doubles, Team 21 yd Trap, Team Trap Doubles, Individual HOA (all events); Bronze: Team 16 yd Trap; 4th: Team Sporting Clays, Individual Trap Doubles; 5th: Individual Sporting Clays, Individual HOA Trap

Greg Dewitt (5)

Bronze: Team 16 yd Trap; 4th: Team Sporting Clays; 5th: Team Skeet, Individual 21 yd Trap "B" Div.; Individual HOA Trap "B" Div.

Vic Elliott (4)

Silver: Team 21 yd Trap, Team Trap Doubles; 4th: Individual Trap Doubles "B" Div.; 5th: Team Skeet

Tom Hartkopf (4)

Silver: Team 21 yd Trap, Team Trap Doubles; Bronze: Team 16 yd Trap; 5th: Team Skeet

Dave Herrick (10)

Gold: Team Skeet, Individual Trap Doubles "B" Div.; Silver: Team Skeet Doubles, Team 21 yd Trap, Team Trap Doubles, Individual HOA Trap "B" Div., Individual HOA (all events) "B" Div.; Bronze: Team 16 yd Trap, Individual 21 yd Trap "B" Div.; 4th: Team Sporting Clays

Bobby Lutz (2)

Gold: Team Skeet; 4th: Team Sporting Clays

Bill Page (5)

Gold: Team Skeet; Silver: Team Skeet Doubles; Bronze: HOA (High Overall, all events) Trap "B" Div.; 4th: Team Sporting Clays; 5th: Individual Skeet

George Stanley (3)

Silver: Team Skeet Doubles, Team 21 yd Trap, Team Trap Doubles

Jimmy Trahin (4)

Gold: Team Skeet; Silver: Team Skeet Doubles; Bronze: Team 16 yd Trap, Individual Trap Doubles "B" Div.

LAPD Shooters Again Take Skeet Gold at Calif. Police and Fire Games

by Jimmy L. Trahin

There's just no stopping LAPD's skeeters. For the umpteenth time in several years the department team took the treasured gold medal in skeet competition at the California Police and Fire Games. California, Nevada, Arizona, World Games... it doesn't matter... we just keep bringing home that gold in

lengthy shoot-off LAPD came out on top.

The team didn't stop there. We took the silver in skeet doubles, 21 yd trap, and trap doubles; bronze in 16 yd trap and fourth in sporting clays. Numerous individual accomplishments were topped by Davis shooting a perfect 100x100 score "again" in skeet (for the gold medal) while the majority of the team brought home a slew of medals in



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Gold Medal Skeet Team – (standing) Greg Dewitt, Harry Davis, Bill Page, Vic Elliott, Tom Hartkopf; (kneeling) Bobby Lutz, Dave Herrick, George Stanley, Jimmy Trahin.

unprecedented fashion.

The blasting in Sacramento took four days and was held at three different ranges with as many as 17 five-person squads competing in trap, skeet and sporting clays. LAPD master blasters included Harry "Mr. Skeet" Davis, Greg Dewitt, Vic Elliott, Tom Hartkopf, Dave Herrick, Bobby Lutz, Bill Page, George "Sam" Stanley, and yours truly.

Skeet shooting took two days and after tens of thousands of clay birds met their demise two teams, LAPD and Sacramento, emerged in a dead tie. After a very intense, bloody (for the birds) and

the various events (see below). The final tab: 50 medals for the nine shooters who'd rather sleep with their shotguns than their wives (well, maybe that's pushing it). In any event we just can't help ourselves. That odor of smoking clay birds in the morning... it smells like... victory!

We're now gearing up for the Nevada Games where we expect another major win. (I'll give you the results in my next article.) Anyone out there interested in joining a winning team? We want fresh blood! Contact Jimmy Trahin at j.trahin@verizon.net for more details. And remember: if you love your shotgun... it will love you!

Geezers Strike Three Golds at Games

by Tom Vigen

The LAPD "Over-The-Hill-Gang" Bench Press Team, also known as the "Geritol Geezers," struck gold at the California Police and Fire Games at Sacramento in June.

Bringing home gold medals were Tom Vigen (age 63 – 198 lbs & under) with a lift of 358 lbs, Rex Shields (age 64 – 275 lbs & under) with a lift of 319 lbs and Sam Collela (age 70 – 198 lbs & under) with a lift of 259 lbs. Vigen and Collela set new California Police and Fire Games records.

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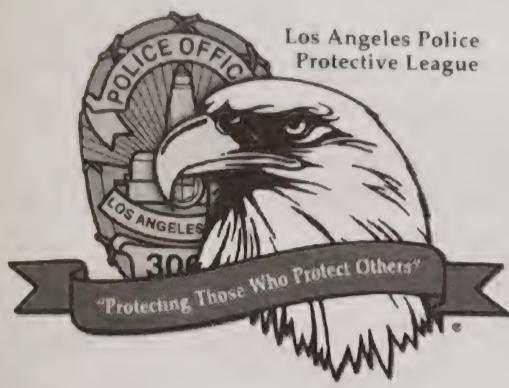


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Tennis Players Bring Home Lots of Gold from Summer Games

by Edmund Russell

Stacey Young and **Leila** (Sparkplug) **Ryan** battled through tough competition in the Women's Open Doubles Tennis at the 2003 California Police and Fire Games in June. After three grueling matches of round robin competition, there was a three-way tie between three teams. After reviewing United States Tennis Association (USTA) rules, it was determined the duo from 77th Street had earned the gold medals.

Young and Ryan not only had made it tough on their opponents, whom they struggled with for three sets each, but also fans and friends watching the matches (their shortest match was just under three hours in temperatures reaching over 110 degrees on the court). This was the first time the duo has played together in the games and based on the efforts put forth we're sure it won't be their last.

In other competition, **Edmund Russell** (Hollywood) and **Bruce Barrios** (Harbor) avenged a loss from the San Jose Games to take gold in the Men's Master Doubles. In the singles final,

however, they had to duel it out against each other. Russell came out on top for the gold with Barrios earning the silver. Barrios teamed with Young in the Open Mixed Doubles and took the bronze medal (this was their second time playing together and first medals won with each other). Ryan also played mixed doubles and earned the silver medal. After winning the first set, Ryan and her partner faltered to a team that has been playing together for years. With the way she played in her first games, there's no doubt of a promising future in the sport.

Others competing were **Paola Kreeft** (Metro), **Thomas Jones** (Metro) and **Tim Moss** (Devonshire). Upcoming tournaments include the World Games in Barcelona and 13th Annual Police/Fire Tournament in Palm Springs (Oct. 23-26 at Rancho Las Palmas Country Club). This event is always an enjoyable experience. For further information, contact **Jim Lavenson** (Training) at (310) 342-3028, Tim Moss (Devonshire Dets) at (818) 756-8281 or **Edmund Russell** (Hollywood Vice) at 485-2811. Hope to see many at the Palm Springs tournament in October. ♦

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- ✓ Capt. Al Nelson Intradepartmental Athlete(s) of the Year
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- ✓ LAPRAAC Trophy (team or individual)
- ✓ Chief's Award (team or individual)
- ✓ Kenji Taniguchi Citizen(s) of the Year
- ✓ Bill Stein Award (for service to LAPRAAC)
- ✓ Brass Award
- ✓ Bob Pullard Trophy (comeback of the year)
- ✓ Male Athlete(s) of the Year
- ✓ Female Athlete(s) of the Year
- ✓ Open Athlete(s) of the Year
- ✓ Senior Athlete(s) of the Year
- ✓ Daryl F. Gates Master Athlete(s) of the Year
- ✓ Bob Burke All-Sports Trophy
- ✓ LAPRAAC Hall of Fame
- ✓ Nancy Dyer Sportsperson(s) of the Year

Nomination information and forms are available by calling the LAPD Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 221. ♦

LAPD Wrestling Notes

by Troy Collins

West Valley Officer **Mark Mireles** and Devonshire Officer **Pat Higa** entered the Veteran's Open National Wrestling tournament held in Las Vegas in April. The tournament features the nation's top wrestlers 35 years old and up. Some of which were NCAA Champions and All Americans. This year was the first year the tournament hosted the Greco-Roman style in addition to the Freestyle wrestling. Pat Higa took first place in both freestyle and Greco. Mark Mireles, last year's defending freestyle champion, took first in freestyle and second in Greco. Great job, guys.

California Police and Fire Games

This year, only three wrestlers were able to compete: Devonshire Division's Pat Higa, Foothill Division's **Troy Collins** and West Valley Division's Mark Mireles. Higa took the gold in the 138 pound class in Greco-Roman. For Freestyle, he had to go up to the 152

pound class for more competition where he took the silver. Mireles dominated both Greco-Roman and Freestyle in the 220 pound class by taking the gold in both. Collins took the silver in Greco-Roman 220-286 pound class but was unable to compete in Freestyle due to a neck injury. South Bureau Narc Officer Fernando Mora and his partner, Detective **Lupe Ruiz**, helped a great deal with their coaching. Both of them were unable to compete due to injuries from training. Hopefully, they will be ready and able to go to the World Games in July.

Sumo Wrestling

Foothill Officer Troy Collins entered the U.S. Sumo Open on June 29th. The tournament included a two-time lightweight world champion and last year's U.S. lightweight and middleweight champions. Collins went a perfect 7-0 to win the gold in the middleweight and the open weight divisions. Along with the medals came a great bottle of Sake. The next local tournaments will be on July 13th at the Manhattan Beach Country Club and August 3rd at UCLA. ♦

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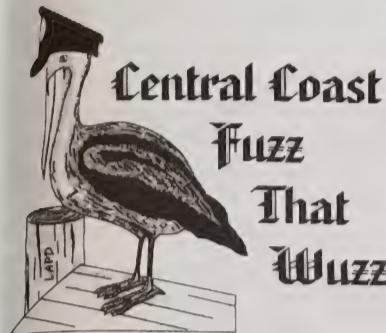
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Dave Aikins

Hi Folks, the Fuzz Gang gathered together last June at the Pavilion on the Lake in Atascadero, for a super picnic with all the trimmings. This inside, air conditioned event is always a fun experience for the group as it is a great place to kick back and see old friends and meet new ones. The weather outside went along as it proved to be a gorgeous day where about 70 of us took it all in.

This year, one of our members, **Taylor Hilden** had a great idea for some entertainment. She is part of a line dancing group called the "Cambria Line Dancers" and thought it would be fun to have not only entertain the Fuzz Gang, but maybe teach some of us old timers a few of the fancy steps. Your valiant committee, consisting of **Paul & Stella Mattson, Judy Aikins** and yours truly, readily agreed. So while the country music filled the room, some of us danced or stumbled, while others



enjoyed watching the lady professionals teach the neophytes a few things.

So in addition to a delicious BBQ of tri-tip, chicken, beans, salad, garlic bread, watermelon, dessert, and of course, adult beverages, we all had a heck of a great time.

Those seen having a lot of fun included, **Bill & Linda Achen, Jerry Abbott, Walter Boronich & Marion Yates, Freeman & Nellie Calvert (Freeman**

just turned 90 years old!), **Hal Epling & Helen Coulter, Clinton Erickson and Francis Davidson, Dave Frazier, Brian & Cathy Galbraith, Joe & Taylor Hilden, Paul & Barbara Hardy, John & Priscilla Hurst, John Krasts, Runo & Roberta Lemming and Charlie & Priscilla LaFitte.**

Seen heading for the dessert table were **Max & Mary McAlpine, Jerry & Paula May, Paul & Stella Mattson, Dennis Offerman, John Pearson, Bob & Aileen Rackerby,**



Bob & Robin Stemples and Al Schlocker & Sammy McHenry.

Those vowing to return next year were **Ken Stiffler** and his father, **Ken Sr, Bill & Susana Selesky, Lucy Salls, Phil & Louann Toledo, Fred & Sharline Tuggey, Bob & Carole Velek, Jeff & Melissa Watkins, Tom & Dori Zwinger, Judy Aikins** and yours truly. Several members brought friends and family members, that included their kids and grand kids.

Our next function will be our annual auction at Rosa's Italian Restaurant in Pismo Beach on September 18th. More details to come.

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Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

Hot August Nights

August in Sacramento! It's hot in the daytime, and hot at night! But that's why we live here. Right?

If you're coming this way in August, bring shorts and t-shirts, swimsuits, and beer money. You'll need all three!

There are so many 'thing's going on here in Sacramento, it's difficult deciding to where to go first.

Lew Ritter of Roseville, has organized a law enforcement group get-together the third Thursday of the month, for a breakfast meeting. These are all Sun City Roseville residents. These guys are from all over, not just California, and not all X-LAPDers. But all are former police officers!

In May, we did have **Hoy Key, Chuck Blogin** and myself as part of the group. Also, I met and had a chat with a Seattle P.D. retiree! Interesting conversation!

Lew led the way, by providing criminal suspect info regarding a burglar that had recently been arrested after victimizing several Sun City residents. Then a round table discussion was held to talk about the new Indian gaming casino which was to open June 9th in nearby Lincoln, CA.

This casino is to be operated by a Las Vegas firm, and the profits are going to an Auburn tribe of 274 people. This is one BIG casino, with 1900 slots and 100 gaming tables! And the building is a beauty!

The tribe built a \$1M fire station adjacent to the property as a gift to the local fire district. That building is also a beauty!! I don't think they hired any X-LAPDers for Security!!

The breakfast meet was good, and after a summer hiatus, we'll meet again in September.

Roy Kerton of Elk Grove, and a former SABLA Chair, suffered a severe stroke last April 3rd. I'm told he is recovering, but does have some lingering problems. You can contact his family at 7800 Wymark Drive, Elk Grove, CA. 95758. Phone calls are encouraged

at (916) 684-6563.

I'm sure that Roy would like to hear from some of his 'old buds'. A card would be fine too!

On a more promising and positive note, **Bob Keel** of Carmichael had successful surgery in June for an abdominal aneurysm. Bob said it was about the most painful experience of his life! I'm told he is returning nicely to some normalcy. Bob is in great physical shape, and we all expect him to be normal, — all the time!! Give him a call. He'd like to hear from you too! (916) 487-1580 or email at rkeel@winfirst.com.

On June 12th, we closed our luncheon date at 'Friends' in Rancho Cordova.

I hope some of you read that our normal SABLA luncheon in June was NOT in its normal place. For June, **Hoy Key** and others, organized a VIP tour of the California Highway Patrol Academy, in West Sacramento. If you haven't been there, and you're offered a tour, take it!

All of us met at the Academy's Administration Building at 1100 Hours! Well, now wait a minute, I do have to clarify that meeting time.

Jim Van Riper and I met at 1000 hours. So I was NOT the only one who had the time down as 1000 hours! So Jim and I had a nice visit, waited for everybody to show. 1015,—no one! 1030, still no one. Jim and I went to the cafeteria for coffee. Jim said he'd wait 'til 1100! It wasn't cancelled. Where is everybody?? 1045, we're still drinking coffee. Jim's working on a reunion for his Dad. His Dad was on the USS Hornet during WWII, and Navy guys from that ship are having a reunion in San Francisco later this year. It's 1100. Let's go Jim. We walk back to the Admin Building, and there everybody is!! Jim & I didn't miss the tour. In fact we were just a little early, so we wouldn't miss anything, right Jim??

We saw **Gene & Bonnie DeCrona**, and had some time to chat in between the presentations! They're planning a trip to Orlando and Disney World in the Spring of 2004. **Chuck Blogin** was

walking ahead of his wife **Joan** and I. So Joan and I compared 'notes' on our battle with arthritis! And other 'things', —like golf!! **Jim Byrd** brought guests Louise & Alex Young for the tour.

And then two couples that I haven't seen for along time! SABLA Charter Member **Ray** and **Margie Lauritzen**, and from a long way away, **Jim & Sammie Baker**.

This was a great tour! First there was a weapons demonstration, and then we went to lunch in their employee cafeteria, where **Jim Van Riper** and I knew where everything was!!

I had lunch with **Bob & Connie Troutt**. I took a 'little' of everything, 'cause it only cost us \$4.00!! Bob tells me that he joined a local chapter of the 'Blue Knights' motor club. They've been on some 'rides', and have had some great fun! Then, the most gracious couple that they are, they let me rave on about my new 6 year marriage, and then it was time to go!

We were bused out to the blacktop track for a demonstration of high speed pursuit driving by 5 different instructors! It truly was a great show! Using 5 new Chevrolet Camaros, it was a bit like our LAPD Academy days with the 6 cylinder, stick-shift Ford sedans!! Yea, right!!!

Joe and Alice Sandoval saw the comparison too. Joe just chuckled!

Jo Stephens and **Norrie Hatter** were there taking everything in. Our new SABLA Chairman **Carl Kuehn** and wife **Ellie** were seen enjoying the whole show! Even **Chuck & Millie Crawford** joined everyone for the tour.

And last, but not least, **Dennis McDonald** with his infamous visitor from SoCal, **Ol' Blue** himself, **Neil Parker**!! I gotta tell you, seeing Neil up and around did wonders for me! It was so good to see him, and have a chance to chat for a minute or two! I followed him through the 'chow line' and he's still eating fruits and vegetables, cottage cheese, salad, and all that 'stuff', — just like he was still in training for another 'Baker to Vegas' run!! To know him is to love him!!

Hoy Key wanted me to remind all of you, that SABLA dues are due —duh!! \$15 keeps you in loop for a whole year. Send \$15 to Hoy, made out to SABLA, and mail to Hoy's new address —5057 Dreamgarden Loop, Roseville, CA.

95747. He just moved up the street! We keep saying that we got to get rid of some of that 'junk' in our garages!!

The 2003 LAPD Wine Country BBQ is only 1 month away!! Saturday September 27, 2003!

Ron & Marilyn Kiser are getting 'things' ready for all of you!! Please see the flyer in the 'Blue Line' for all the details. If you haven't been to one of these recently, you need to go. See everybody!

I've been to most of these BBQ's and every year, there is someone there that I haven't seen in years!

There is plenty of space to move around and visit, or there's chairs in the shade where you can just sit and drink wine and beer. Just have someone goin' by, to fill your cup!!

Then there is always a horseshoe tournament! We've had some big winners, and we still need someone to 'take on' the **Kiser's**. Now his son is getting into the act!!

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George Williams another SABLA Charter member, is in a Dana Point hospital. Our first Treasurer is having a 'battle' on his hands with chemotherapy etc. He'd like to hear from you. All of you. Cards to his home would be most welcome.

Next SABLA luncheon will be on August 14, 2003 at 'Friends Restaurant' where 'Lyndsie' will take care of your menu order. It's at Hwy 50 and Zinfandel. 1130hrs. Bring \$15 for dues!! And money for lunch. This is not a 'freebie', or a 'half-price spot'!!

Carl Kuehn is negotiating —as I write this,—to have a guest speaker, at this luncheon! It behooves you to be there! Carl is doing his best to have speakers. Can you do your best and be there???

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Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

August, summertime is upon us. No more June gloom. Just sunshine and heat for those in So Cal. CO-Captain Chuck McTaggart and wife Lynne are in their Washington State hideaway on their little island paradise (it actually not an island). Most of our team members have remained in the So Cal area. Some are still working, but most are "lottery winners." That is collecting their pensions. From Mexico to New Hampshire to Utah we have team members located in many places always looking for new team members.

CO-Captain Mel Sandvig has just finished marathon # 104 on his way to 200. So Mel has run about 2700 miles in marathons. Probably counting all of the other runs that he has participated in his total mileage would be....well over the warranty limit.

Eligibility requirements for Old Blue

are quite simple. You must be retired, OR a participant in the DROP program. This year Ron McCall became the first member of the DROP program to run for the Old Blue Team. Ron enjoyed running for us and we call help train him for his life in retirement!

Some other rules. We have no dress code, but you should dress as a retired person. No rigid grooming standards. You must have some "good old days" stories that sound believable. You must be able to find Griffith Park and the Ranger Station Headquarters especially, starting on October 5, 2003, at 0800 and the first Sunday of the month thereafter. It gives you one more thing to look forward to besides the League News and that one specific column everyone checks first!

For more information on the team and any specifics you can e-mail me at www.mwmckean@aol.com.

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Well, by now you have your August paycheck. How do you like the new raise? What are you going to do with all that money? I'll probably invest mine, but don't know yet which casino I'm going to invest it in, but I hope my return is more than I have been getting. It's like the stock market—one month it goes up, and the next month or months it goes down. But I figure as long as I am having fun and I can keep my head above water, I'll make it.

I feel sorta sorry for some of the patrons of these Indian casinos. The first of the month and they get their welfare or SSI checks, they are putting it in the machines until it's all gone. I've seen them lose their whole check in one night and have to borrow money to eat on the rest of the month. I know because I've had some of them hit on me for \$5 to \$20. But I have had to shut it off. Thank goodness I have collected all I had loaned out.

The lines formed at the ATM machines in the casinos sometimes have as many as 20 people lined up waiting to draw money out. Last Friday night I saw one young woman draw money out of the ATM machine four times. She lost and was back for the fifth time and apparently she had drawn her limit and the machine wouldn't give her anymore. So she proceeded to beat on the machine with her fist and kicking it with her feet until security ushered her out. It's sad. Thank goodness I set my limit and when that is gone, I go home. I made a rule never draw from an ATM machine in any casino. They charge you \$15 per \$100 you draw out. That's pretty stiff. I hear most people have a \$300 or \$400 limit per day. That's \$45 or \$60 for the \$400. Some of the casinos have a 1 cent machine and you couldn't get near them the last two weeks of the month. Everyone is playing from 1 cent to 5 cents, hoping they hit enough to advance

to the 25 cent machines. It's fun to listen to them telling each other their problems. I could write a bestseller on the stories I've heard.

I have not got that bad. I have enough willpower to stop, but it gives me something to do and sometimes I hit a good one. My last trip to Laughlin was good to me so I can't complain. Speaking of Laughlin, I have only heard from two of my old classmates regarding our class reunion next March 16th—**Larry Walton** and **Mark Wolf**. Said count them in. Just had a call from **Al Santor**. He'll be there with his lovely wife, **Sherry** (LAPD retired). Get on the wagon all you 1949ers. It only costs you a 37 cent stamp or a 5 cent phone call if you use 10-10-811 like I do. This may be our last, so many have fallen by the wayside.

I was saddened by the loss of **Irving Kasper**. I have tried to reach the family, but as of this moment I have been unsuccessful.

When **Dick Brigg** passed away, apparently he knew he would not be around much longer, and he asked me if I would take over and keep what few of our classmates together. I told him I would until we could elect a new and younger president. I have a full time job with the Inland Blue Line. I'm not getting any younger and the years are slipping away much faster than I had planned. I have all the files of the classmates. Do not have any idea of the current addresses. I have the new retirement book to help me out.

I had a call from **Merrill Duncan** and he was pleased and felt honored that our class wanted those who are left of the instructors to attend our 55th reunion. I'm going to contact **Floyd Phillips**, **Ted Combs**, and **Mert Howe** in the near future. They are the only ones left besides Merrill Duncan. I would like to have a good turnout to show our respects for a great group of instructors.

I had a call from **Robert "Bob" Pratt**,

class of July 7, 1943. He called me from Cleveland, Ohio, where he and his wife are spending the summer (out of this California ungodly heat). He told me he would be celebrating his 40th year of retirement on September 6, 2003. He also told me he had just made sergeant and was stationed at the old Central Station at 1st and Hill when Parker Center was built in 1955. He was acting sergeant at the first roll call at the new Central Station in Parker Center in 1955. I told him I was sorry that I missed roll call, but I was somewhere in the South Pacific fighting the Japanese instead of bad guys in L.A. Bob told me that he would be at the next meeting, Oct. 8, 2003. Bob also told me he was a classmate of **Wayne Fudge**. Wayne Fudge was a new sergeant assigned to Hollywood morning watch. **Charlie Cole** and I were working Felony Car at the same time. Sgt. Fudge called us to meet him where upon he plainly asked us, "Where are you guys sleeping?" At which time, in our innocent way, said, "Why, Sergeant, we don't sleep on duty." And he stated, "I have lots of time." We were sure there was no way he would find us. The guard at Columbia Studios wouldn't let the governor of California through the gate without a pass or search warrant. But he passed us through by orders from the head of the studio who we had helped out a couple of years before. Well, it so happened we had just finished a call of prowler at the girl's school in Hollywood Hills above Franklin on North Beachwood Drive. Charlie suggested we stake a while, after all the black & whites had left (it was

almost 3:30 a.m.) The guy just might show back. Charlie was the passenger and we picked a vantage point and settled in. I guess we must have dozed off (a little) when a call came over the air, 6FI meet 6L2 at the dead end of North Beachwood. Charlie rogered the call and we started the car, turned on the headlights and lo and behold who was right in front of us but Sgt. Wayne Fudge. All he said was, "Gotcha," and left. He told us later that he had vowed to catch every car on morning watch sleeping and that we were the only car he had not caught. We never did admit to Sgt. Fudge because we were on a stakeout. I can tell this story now because the statute has run out, but we were not sleeping. We were just resting our eyes. Well that's as far as it went, and we got along with Sgt. Fudge as long as he was at Hollywood. We never did tell him about the guard at Columbia Pictures. He always had great coffee and doughnuts. I rest my case.

The next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be Wednesday, October 8, 2003, at the Anchor Restaurant. The tariff is still \$12 per person, including tax and tip, and great food, great company, and great guests. Come and join us. And you be careful, buckle up. It's a jungle out there. Don't get caught napping. Keep well and keep happy. We need you around for a while. Okay?

Oh yes, by the way, my phone number is still the same: (909) 925-4491. My address is in the great new retirement book. I want to compliment all those who put this book together. It is the greatest. Thanks from the whole department for a job well done. ♦

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August 10	James Ray	1600	
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August 14	Shoukry Ethniasios	1700	1800
August 14	Katherine Robi	1700	1800
August 15	John Amott	1800	
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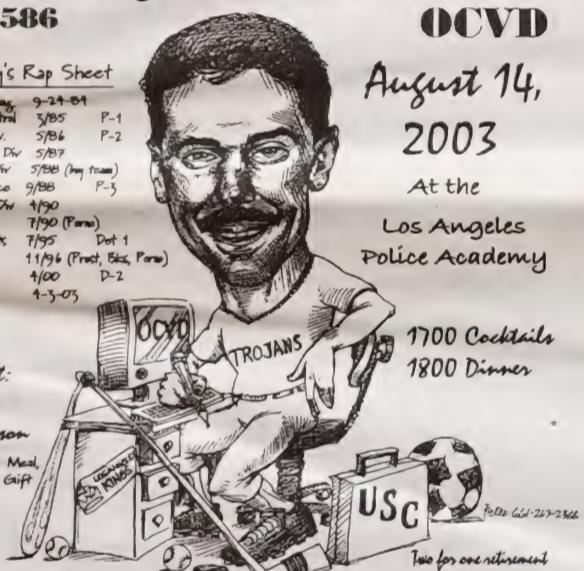
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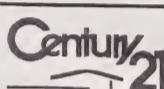
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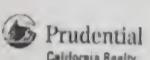
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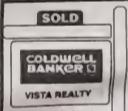


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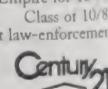
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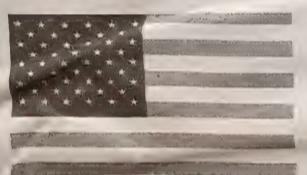
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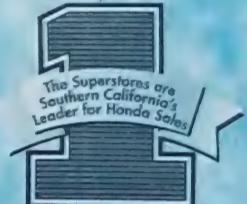
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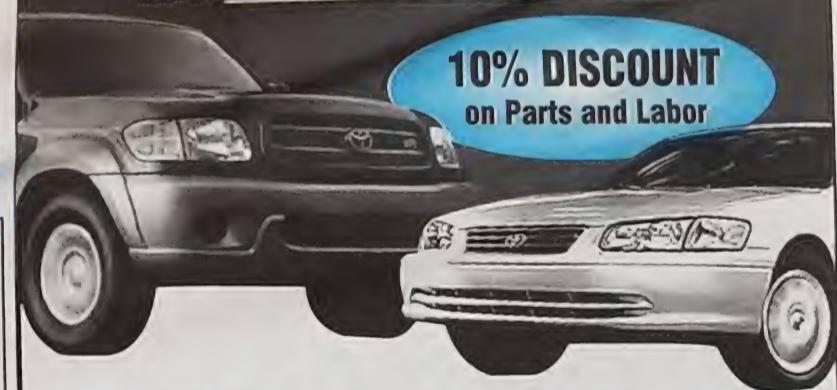
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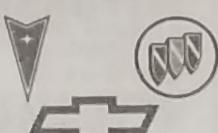
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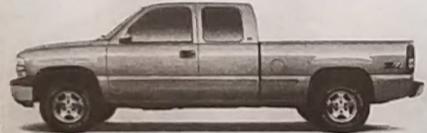


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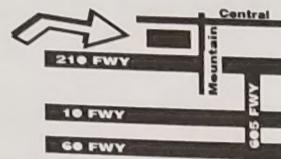
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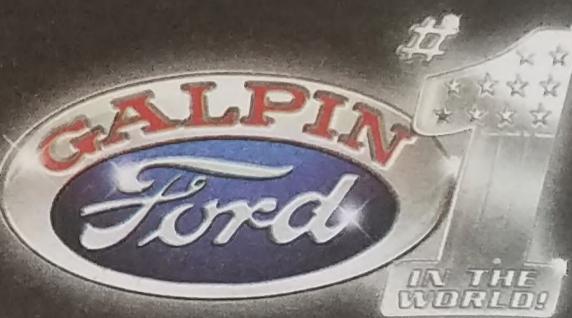
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